A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3858
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery Ala.
October 1st 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby.
New York.

Yours of the 27th inst came duely to hand. At your request I will continue here during the month of October and do the best I can for the Church. This summers work has brought me to my first experience acting as pastor of a Church and it has been a blessed one to me. I believe that the Lord has been helping me preach the blessed gospel of His Son. Thus I have been enabled to hold the Church and sustain its spiritual interest. In my judgement the condition of our Church here in Montgomery is good and it bids fair to do well in the future. The amount due me up to Sept. 30th is $75.00 seventy five dollars.

Yours Obediently.
H. S. Williams.

No. S. Williams
Montgomery
Ala.

10-5--78
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M. J. Adams
Montgomery
Ala.
10-5-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVE
NO. 3859

Montgomery Oct. 1st 1878

Rev. M. E. Strieby
Dear Sir,

I write just a few words to inform you, that I arrive here safely this Evening. Miss Mary is with me.

It was a hard question to decide as to wisdom and duty but here I am, and trust that "The pestilence will not come nigh us". When will Miss Hardy arrive?

My heart is made very sad with the tidings that Mr. & Mrs. Noble are not to return to us.

Shall be glad of any instruction about our work in the Home & School

Yours Truly,

M. J. Adams.

A. H. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3860
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery Oct. 2nd /8.

Rev. M. E. Strieby
Dear Bro.

I suppose Miss. Adams has already informed you of her and Miss. Merry's arrival.

School opened yesterday with 284 scholars.

I employed other teachers temporarily.

I wrote you some time ago that I had ordered 10 tons of coal at $5 2.5 a ton, making a bill of $52.50.

The dealer expects to deliver the coal this week. On the strength

that you said in a former letter I gave him to understand that he should have prompt payment.

I found the roof of this house in much worse condition than I supposed. Davis has not finished "latching" it yet, so I don't know how much credit he will have to be given on his lot.

Part of the house has two roofs, one about a foot above the other. The upper roof in many places is entirely rotten. The water ran through this and collected between the two, and then

slowly draining through for several hours after a rain ceased. Of course the whole structure would have been destroyed before a great while by this continual soaking.

I have only had done what seemed absolutely necessary to preserve the house.

Miss Stearns has just told me that she has not been supplied with money to pay the expenses of the "Home" until salaries can be drawn, and that she is under the impression that I am to attend to buying &c.

Of course I am perfectly willing to do so as long

J. M. McPherson
Montgomery
Ala.

10-7-78
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as I am here, so until some one comes to fill the pulpit. But I feel a little delicate about doing so without even your permission. In the meantime I suppose we had better not starve.

If I am to attend to the matter please send me a check to supply us this month.

Yours Truly
J. M. McPherson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3861
FISK UNIV.

10-5-78
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C. W. Andrews
Talladega
Ala.

Talladega Ala
Oct 3rd 1878

Rev M. E. Strieby D.D.
Dear Bro,

Your favor of Sep 25th is quite full as to management of all moneys, still I am in some doubt as to the use to be made of money in my hands or rather I am in doubt just how to manage to secure the planting of the trees with appropriate inscriptions & the building of the avenue as agreed with our donors.

The money in my hands was not contributed for the express & sole purpose of making the avenue & planting trees &c, but to buy a lot & plant the trees &c. $100 you remember paid for a lot & left $40, or so surplus for various uses on the farm & otherwise for the Ind. Dept. — It would not be correct to publish it in the Missionary as money contributed to build

an avenue & P, & yet as the form is full for some of this surplus must be used to complete the pledges to the donors, A donor would be satisfied if you give him credit for so much for the Form or the Ind. Sch, but not if you credit him for so much for the avenue & P, — still the avenue & C must be built, — Now how shall I instruct Mr Ellis to enter this in his books so as to be secure all round — over $50, if it was reported some time ago —

I see no way but for Mr Ellis to enter it as so much for the Form or Ind. Sch, with a note, not to be published, that the avenue must be built & to fulfill pledges before any of it is drawn for any other ~~Ind.~~ industrial purpose — or we shall spend it all & leave pledges unfulfilled which has been my great fear.

Please instruct me further & oblige

Your Trus.

G. W. Anderson,

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3862
FISK UNIV.

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W. E. Wheeler, Common School Normal.

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Agriculture,
Carpentering,
Printing,
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Oct 3 1878.

Dr. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

It gives me great pleasure to report my safe arrival here this morning and to state that I am very favorably impressed by what I have thus far seen of the school & town.

I shall at once enter upon my duties and forward reports as soon as possible.

Trusting that I may be able to perform well and satisfactorily the duties assigned me here, I am,

Most sincerely Yours,
Geo. N. Ellis.

Rec'd off at Hampton.-Thanks.

Geo. H. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

10-8-78
10-11-78

For information address
Rev. Edward P. Lord Principal.

Talladega College
Industrial Department.

The Southern Sentinel; a
Family and Educational Newspaper.

Model Farm,
Printing Press,
Carpenter Shop,

Sewing,
Laundry,
House Keeping,

Cooperative Store,
Wholesale & Retail,
Farm Implements &c.

A. M. E. ARCHIVES
NO. 3863
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala. Oct 3 1878.

Dear Bro:

While in Plymouth I wrote you about the farm implements which I understood we were to have from the Remington Co. Besides those which I then mentioned I would like to order for the farm a plow marked No. C.02 with clevis and coulter and harrow: for another premium beside "The Remington" a plow No. C.1 with clevis & Coulter & wheel and harrow. Also for sale I have now a purchaser. 2 plows No. C.02 with clevis & coulter. 4 "A" plows (Southern)
1. Two horse cultivator with one wheel. for farm
6. large scoop shovels (2 of them for farm)
I have put down what is needed for the farm the rest I think I can sell immediately. If they could send me specimens at least of each different implement I think I could make quite large sales. 20.000 colored posts

get their supplies more or less directly from this place, but they think so little of the future that when they think of buying they must be supplied at once and very little can be sold to them without the article is on hand. We are in very pressing need of these flowers especially for the farm, and I hope they may be forwarded at once. I wish we could have a car load at once to save freight but of course that is out of the question unless the Company send them to be sold on commission.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord

P. S. Geo. N. Ellis has this moment arrived.

E. P. Lord's
Talladega
Ala.

10-5-78
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Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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Printing,
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Oct 4 1878.

Dear Bro:

In addition to my letter of yesterday I would like to have six flows costing from $4.00 to $8.00 to be given as premiums.
Also if you can get for me three sets of double harness at $15.00 each from some manufacturer that will suffly us at especially good rates for our store I would like the three sets for premiums.
Also including the silver articles I wrote you of I wish to get $150 worth of good plated silver ware including 2 pitchers worth $10 (retail price) 2 Casters $8.00 6 articles at $5.00 each, 10 articles at $3 each, 25 articles at $2 each 10 at $1.00 each. I will pay for these things by the 1st of Dec. and it will be a great favor if they could be secured for us till after the fair. If the firm could send

Age Pauline 90

duplicate the order of silver articles giving us the privilege of returning any of the half not used & think we should use them all as premiums. The $150 or $300 is to be retail price and should like to have you make the selection or leave it to some one who will do well by us.

Yours,
Edward P. Lord.

Edw. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

10-10-78
10-11-78

Lord writes Oct. 14. & Dr. Shirley authorizes
purchas. "I should like to have the silver
ware secured for us. Also 2 sets double
harness retail price $15. & 2 single plow harnesses
at $5.00

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3865
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3846
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala.
Oct. 5th/78

Miss Emerson,

Dear Friend

Mr. Hickok received your letter of Oct. 2nd yesterday, and has put the "confidential" portion of it, into my hands to answer.

In regard to Miss Miller's statements of her work here, I am satisfied she has given them to you, in all candor and truthfulness — her position was really a very trying one; the work was only in a formative state, without shape or completeness and to thoroughly organize and systematize it, in six months, certainly expired

peculiar adaptation & executive ability — to accomplish this Miss Miller labored earnestly and faithfully, and in my judgement, as successfull, as could well be expected —

I attended the examination of her classes, they were creditably sustained, but I am of the opinion, that she carried into the schoolroom, something of her nervous irritability, incident to her perplexing duties at the Hall — She is naturally acutely sensitive, and shrinks from criticism, with but little of the positive element in her nature, with these characteristics, she could not withstand the firm, self-reliant manner of Miss Alford, and from the first

was completely overshadowed and never really came into the "light of her own understanding."

I sympathized with Miss Miller thoroughly, and always considered her, an earnest devoted Christian, & striving to do her duties from Christian principles, but while I do feel very kindly toward her, and love her as a friend & faithful worker, yet I cannot admit, that she would be my first choice as the Principle of the Normal grade of Emerson Institute — I should not think she could fill Miss Irwin's place — I am exceedingly anxious, that her mantle fall on just the right one — that the coming year be one of prosperity to the school & church —

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

The reports of yellow fever have never been more discouraging than at present — we are very desirous to "be about our Father's work", and are almost impatient for a visit from Jack Frost — Mobile has had several cases, but not yet become an epidemic, may the dear Lord forbid it!

I am looking forward with a good degree of interest to our work in Mobile — have received several letters from the members of the church — whatever feeling may have been awakened by Mr. Ash, I am confident will be overruled — Hoping you are well & enjoying the beauty of these perfect Oct. days, I am yours, in haste, E. O. Hicks

Rev. D. L. Hickok
10-9-78 Talladega
10-24-78 Ala.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3867
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Oct 5. 1878

M E Strieby D.D.

Dear Bro:

Your letter of the 2nd is received. We regret exceedingly that Miss Brown will not be at Mobile this year. Though we have never met her yet we had learned to love her. We felt as though she was just what was wanted for the place.

Now in regard to Miss Miller. While we fully endorse her letter to you. While we believe her to be a fair teacher and an earnest Christian worker, full of the Spirit of the Master,

yet we cannot feel that she is just the one to fill Miss Irwin's place - She would do better as an assistant than as a principal - While she is earnest & thorough as a teacher she has no magnetism to draw her pupils around her & compell them to love her - Of course we feel as though we wanted the very best teacher in the whole field to take Miss Irwin's place - Miss Miller would succeed in certain directions - but fail in others - As principal we want some one who will give tone & character to the Institute. One who would be a model in all that pertains to dignity & manner. We would naturally expect her to be

in advance in this respect of the other teachers—

Mrs Hickok will write Miss Emerson more fully in regard to this matter—

The two criticisms I have indicated would injure her much more as a principal than as an assistant—

Notwithstanding I believe her to be a good & efficient worker as a teacher in this Southern field—

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The peculiar circumstances in which she was placed her first year may account for much of the exaggeration I have been taken, Should she be your best-appointment for Mobile we will do the best we can to have her succeed—

Yours Tly
D. L. Hickok

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3868
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery Ala.
Oct. 7th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby.
New-York.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 3rd inst came duely to hand. Containing a Check for $75. the amount due me for three months. I wrote a letter to you few days since stating the amount due me and the condition of our Church, as you requested me to do. Which I suppose reached you shortly after you wrote your me the second time.

Yours Obediently.
H. S. Williams.

H. S. Williams
Montgomery
Ala.

10-10-78

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
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Talladega Ala. Oct 8 1878.

Dr. M. E. Strieby,

Dr. Sir:—

Received your draft at Hampton for traveling expenses! also, yesterday, draft to settle Mr. Hill's boarding bill here; receipts for both I enclose. I suppose generally you want all receipts signed by me for money rec'd of you to be forwarded together at close of month — if I am wrong, please instruct me.

It would be a great accommodation to me, could I draw a little of my salary at once — thirty dollars — I suppose I have not yet earned that amount; but if accommodated now will try hereafter to keep within limits. Should you favor me in this, please send draft for $15.00 to Cyrus Ellis, Olivet, Eaton Co. Mich., $15.00 balance to me here! if can send only part forward to C. Ellis! if none, please let me know immediately. Am busy upon accounts — find 75% of students our college, how much is getable, can't say! many will probably settle when they come in from their schools — one did yesterday.

Yours truly Geo. N. Ellis.

Geo. N. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

10-11-78
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L. W. Strong
10-11-78 Talladega
Ala.

Talladega Ala. Oct. 8th/78

Rev. E. M. Stieby

Dear Sir

As I am in need of some money I would be glad to have you send what is due me, and also let me know about this mo. work.

Yours in Christ &c

L. W. Strong

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Talladega Ala. Oct 8 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 3d is at hand this a.m. The store is one of the original ~~[illegible]~~ connected with the Industrial Dept. Indeed the department could not succeed without some plan of selling what we produce. It is certainly the farthest from my thoughts possible, since the summer experience, to undertake any new enterprises. We carried on the store last year in one of the rooms on the second floor of the ladies Hall. Of course that made it very inconvenient and we could not find purchasers outside of the school except occasionally and then the inconvenience was great. We can well afford to raise beef to sell at 5 & 6 cts per lb while at the market the charge is 8 & 10 cts. We are obliged to kill beef for the College once a week so there is no risk in keeping it to sell. We last year pur-

nished five families both to their and our pecuniary advantage. We need a market for many things we raise and with any conveniences for selling could easily find it here. It would be much better if we could supply the Industrial scholars with what they need and not pay out money. They buy shoes at $2.50 per pair which do not last three months. As far as possible we supply them with clothing much to their advantage.

I asked for the shoes for the purpose of supplying them. It would be to their and our advantage if we could have a supply of good common black & brown hats and under clothing. We should be able to make the rest.

I do not propose to invest anything myself nor to invest any funds of the Asin in goods for the store without their consent. I wrote asking if you would invest or advance $200 or $300 in necessary articles. This was primarily for the purpose of gaining the trade of the colored people for the articles which we produce in the different departments of the School, for at least in this place

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Other people come in 20 & 30 miles to do their trading and every store keeps all the few necessities of life it is difficult to sell any thing without selling everything. We must sell clothing and other things made by the girls, and the products of the farm and shop if we carry on the Industrial Dept. unless benevolence furnishes the means of continuing to produce without the necessity of disposing of the products. I think I could not have misunderstood you that you wished me to make any sales I could for the Remington Mf'g. Co. I have as in the same line solicited the agency for the sale of a few other most useful articles. Keeping in the store the most necessary articles of living would be a great help in drawing purchasers for these sales which we must make if the dept. lives. Nor will there be any risks in getting the stock. For example the College uses a barrel of sugar every month. There would be no risk in buying three or five barrels or a hogshead at a time and placing one barrel at a time in the store. If not sold the College

would use it. Beside the College would secure its goods so much the cheaper because at wholesale prices. I only use this as an illustration for this one article would make very little difference. The only objection I can see is that more money would have to be advanced at the beginning and this must be decided at the office. In the matter of matches for instance though we use perhaps 25 gross of boxes per year we have to pay here double manufacturers prices. Both the College and Industrial Dept. would gain by the store if properly conducted. There are from 10.000 to 20.000 colored people directly or indirectly supplied from Talladega with many of the necessities of life. Of course I have had in mind also their advantage and I believe they would receive very great advantages from just dealing, sound goods & encouragements to economy and thrift; and advice as to best kinds of implements &c.

The idea of the Cooperative Store is a very simple device of gaining and retaining customers starting them in a course of saving

and to serve as a very sufficient check upon the one in charge of the store. A certificate will be given to each one purchasing even the least article entitling him to ten percent of the amount purchased to be taken at the close of the year in goods or to remain as an investment in the store to receive its proportionate share of the earnings of the store at the end of the second year.

I have expected to put up a plank house with store room and room for four young men clerks and adding to it rooms for young men if enough can be saved from the appropriation made for Swayne Hall. Miss Emerson told me that would be allowable.

The store itself with the rooms for four young men will not cost more than $50.

I shall of course now await your decision on all points.

Respectfully

Edward P. Lord.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3873
FISK UNIV.

Edw. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

10-11-78
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Saml B. White
Kymulga
Ala.
10-14-78
12-28-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3874
FISK UNIV.

Kymulga. Ala.
Oct. 9th 1878.

Miss D. E. Emerson:
Dear Friend:

I thought I would write to you about the Christian work here. We have a Church here which was organized under Rev. H. E. Brown and others in the year 1873. We organized with thirteen. Now it has increased to thirty eight. We have not had any revival this year. We are getting the Church plastered and very busy so that we could not carry on any meetings. Rev. Preston W. Young is our

pastor and is a faithful
worker among our people.
The people are farmers.
Some of the members works
on the white people's land
that it is very hard for them
to get their wages.
They have to take orders
from them and go to
the stores and trade.
Our people are poor
but they are earnest
workers in the Christian
work and try to do all
they can. I have been
teaching day school
for them all the sum=
mer. I wanted to know
if the Association could
help to keep up a school
here. Mr. Shieby was
at Talladega a year

ago last summer. I was
telling him about the
work and he said he
would let me know
about just as soon as
he got home, and I have
not receive any answer
yet. I paid $1.30 in Feb.
1872 for Life Membership
of the A. M. A. when
Mr. Cravath was secre-
tary at that time. Please look on your
book see if it is there.
I received the Certificate.
I would be glad if
the Association would
assist to keep a school.
Whatever you are willing to
give for teaching little
or much will be gratefully
accepted. As I am
very useful in leading the

singing in the Church and S. S. they do not want me to give up the work. Will you see what you can do for us? Please send me a blank report. Address to Kymulga, Talladega Co. Ala.

Yours truly,
Samuel B. White

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Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Talladega Ala. Oct 9 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.

Dear Sir;

I send inclosed two letters received from Mr. Knapp of Hartford. He has visited Talladega and was very much interested in the Industrial Dept. He wrote me some time since that he thought the plan of interesting the manufacturers of the north to help the department and at the same time open trade for themselves was a capital one and that he thought he could do much for us. He has since been absent from home and so is delayed.

The girls Ind. School is greatly in need of sewing machines and many of the colored women need them and might be supplied through the store. The student who is to earn his way by taking charge of the store (if you approve of it;) is one who who has served upon

machines and he could earn good wages during the summer by going out as an agent.

The engine could be used to great advantage with the press, upon a wood saw we have and in preparing feed for our large herd of cattle. We may also be able to add different work which we could not otherwise.

There was a scroll saw at Mobile saved from the fire. It was not in use when I last knew of it. We might put it to good use if it were here.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

Rev. E. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

10-15-78
10-18-78

Horace J. Taylor
Athens
Ala.

10-12-78
10-12-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3876
FISK UNIV.

Athens, Alabama. Oct. 10th '78.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you last week Monday. Did you receive my letter?, Please send check for $190.00 as requested in that letter. We are all well. No yellow fever here yet. Our Post Master says "there is lots of it in Ohio & Indiana though."

Yours truly

Horace J. Taylor.

Church would give as my address, perhaps they would say New York 56 Reade St. and perhaps not. Anything that I should be able to take care of this and attending to remain mindful

Yours with love.
J. Hoffman

Montgomery, Ala. Fri. Oct. 11.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3877
FISK UNIV.

Dear Miss Emerson,

I arrived here last Eve (10 o'clk), after a very pleasant and prosperous journey - I met with a very kind, and cordial reception from Miss Adams, I know I shall like her -

I feel quite at home with Mr. & Mrs. Mc. Perron. I am glad they are here.

My room is a pleasant one and every thing so far as I have seen about the Home seems pleasant. And yet after all I feel that I am very far from home and all my Northern friends

and a feeling of homesickness creeps over me, I trust, however that this will soon pass away.

Your letter enclosing Two from Charleston was rec'd this Morning.

I was frightened when I opened and found letters post marked Charleston and bearing hand writing which at first I thought was Dr. K——r. My fears were soon relieved, for I found them from trustees of the Plymouth Church, One contained the Money Order — Thirty dollars — And the other was written to Dr. Shieby asking him to forward to me the Money Order &c.

The Order is drawn on the New York P. O. and it will must be paid there. and I have ventured to think

omitted to give at the [illegible]

you receive this I have [illegible]
letter to [illegible]

that Dr. Stirling will be willing to get it for me.

I have followed the "Instructions" as nearly as I could, as you will see. I enclose the Order.

I hope I have made no mistake.

If Dr. Stirling has the money he need not send it me now, if it seems to you better in any way to wait till some time when you will be sending me other money.

I enclose to you a letter, with the Order on P— Church enclosed in it, for you to read, and then to forward to Charleston, if it is all right. Do think my returning the Order will be ~~a sufficient~~ all that the Church will require

M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

You see that I have omitted to give at the top of my letter to Charleston the place of my writing. Is this all right? I could not give Montgomery

Lane S. Hardy
Montgomery
Ala.

10-17-78
10-16-78

in lieu of a receipt? or will they require a receipt besides. Do not send the letter to Charleston unless it is all right.

I would not trouble you with these things - but I do not like to make known any thing of this matter to other people, by asking questions.

Again - It is stated in the "Instructions" on Money Order that "Whoever presents the Order for payment must give exact information as to the full name and address of the party who originally obtained it."

Will there be trouble here.

If Dr. Strieby gives my address as Shelburne, Mass. will it agree with statement sent to N.Y. Postmaster from Charleston?

I don't know what the trustees of

M. J. Adams
Montgomery
Ala.
10-15-78
11-18-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3878
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery, Ala. Oct 11th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,
Sec. A. M. A.

Dear Sir,

Swayne school is now in operation with 334 pupils. Miss Hardy arrived last evening, and will enter upon her duties next Monday.

I write this morning to speak especially of the Matronship of "the Home". When you were here in May, dear, I should take the superintendency, we expected Mr. Noble to return — but with the expectation of a new Pastor's family, the matter assumes a different aspect, and I have thought perhaps the Pastor's wife would be able to assume the

duties — if you can relieve me, please do so, I am glad to do all I can, but I fear I can not make the home, what it ought to be, and be just to my school duties

Consequent of the detention in my journey, increasing hotel expenses, telegraphing &c. I need a more funds, &c. Powell handed me before I left Chicago $12.00 in behalf of the Association

Yours Truly,
M. J. Adams.

Rev. G. W. Andrews
Talladega
Ala.

10-15-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3879
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Talladega Ala
Oct 12th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.
Dear Bro.

I am just back an hour ago from a week at Shelby Iron Works. Have organized a ch. there of 24 members under most favorable auspices.

I enclose statistics of five of our Mission Ch.s. Mr. Tutt has not responded. He has either failed to get my letter enclosing blank or he has forwarded to you direct.

I thought it not best to delay another day so I send what I have. I'll drop him a

note — McEntee — & so get
his report there soon in
case it has not gone —
I will look over the
pile of letters that have
accumulated during my
absence & report more
fully soon. —

In haste

G. W. Andrews,

No. 44

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1887

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Dated Talladega Ala 14 1878.
10 30 Oct 14

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To M. E. Strieby
56. Reade St NY

If possible send by fast freight Remington plows three number C. one four Southern Number two two Southern Number four three harrows,

E. P. Lord

22 paid 1/2
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E. P. Lord

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Talladega Ala. Oct. 14 1878.

Dr. Mr. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct 11 rcd: enclosed please find receipt for draft, also for money paid on my own salary; also receipt for $74.00 rcd some time since - had no blank receipts at that time & prefer to send these as thus I keep a memorandum at same time.

In this I send statement for July. I have done the best I could to get it into intelligible shape. "Industrial" is a general term, including, Girls' Ind. School, Press, Carpentry, and Farm. With Aug. I begin a separate account with each and have not been able to ask Mr. Wheeler all the questions I want to get, he being sobry, but will run here report in shape.

As to receipts, giving & taking - I find it almost impossible to get them - half cant write their names & Mr. Ford occasionally pays out money - for example, recording deed - which seems to be a receipt in itself - am I expected to get certificates

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Talladega Ala. ..... *1878.*

of payment on all such matters? I beg you will have a little patience with me until I can bring things up to the standard you desire. Time will be required but think I can accomplish it. Have not yet opened new books. To tell the truth, I do not like to do it with things so indefinite and be thus compelled to open them in such an unbusiness like manner. I find here a ledger almost unused — only two or three accounts in it — and I bought a cheap journal; can I not use these, say for six months or perhaps for the first year, during which time I shall learn much from experience and can also take an inventory, and then open new books in proper style and, I trust, keep them satisfactorily? Please advise me. Have need two contributions to aid students — suppose sums are to be mentioned in the Missionary. What is the latest date at which they can arrive at N.Y. and be inserted in the next month's report?

Very truly Yours
Geo N Ellis.

— over —

In reference to this $500 just rec'd — will a receipt from Mr. Lord answer your purpose, or must he get a receipt for each individual purchase?

Geo. H. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

10-16-78
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Talladega Ala. Oct 14 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Sir:

Your of the 11th is at hand Hardly see what we can do at the fair. Of course the premiums will have to be given and I fear there is not now time to receive the Oil implements. If it is possible to have them sent by any fast freight I wish it might be done. Of course we shall have to pay the money if they do not come and I wish it might be arranged so that if they are not received in time they might be returned. Please send as follows

Remington 1st prize 1 plow No. C. 1. with Clevis wheel and Coulter. 2nd prize 1 Share Coulter Harrow For their present to the farm 1 plow No. C. 1. 1 Share Coulter Harrow. The remainder in shovels

<u>To purchase for premiums.</u> 1 plow No. C. 1 1 Share Coulter Harrow. 4 Southern plows No. 2. 2 Southern plows No. 4

If possible I should like to have the silver ware secured for us. I should think they might be secured without advancement till after the fair. I think I might get them at Wanamakers Phila. but thought we might secure them through the office at better advantage. If you cannot have them sent at once by express please send the order to Wanamakers Phila. though if he should not send them it would be a great blow to the fair. The fair is the best advertisement the College has ever had. All the R. Rs give excursion rates the S. R. & D. R. R. charging only from one half to one fifth usual rates and giving me a 500 mile pass on the road free.

If two sets of double harness retail price $15 could be sent at the same time and two single flow harnesses at $5 or I would be very glad.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

E. P. Lord
Calladay
10-19-78
Tel 10-19-78

Rev. Horace J. Taylor
Athens
Ala.

10-18-78
answ'd.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3884
FISK UNIV.

Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama.
October 15th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.,

Dear Sir,

I wrote more than two weeks ago, & again last week, asking for a ~~draf~~ check for $191.00, making with the $50.00 already received $240.00 of our allowance. Please send as soon as possible, for if the yellow fever should come here our Post Master will, so he says, close the office & go into the country & we will be able to get no mails. I need the money, & if the fever comes I shall need an extra grant. I now use disinfectants as much as possible, but can not continue it long unless I have an extra grant, & it will be particularly necessary if I have to go & see the sick. There is already one case of fever, that one physician says is yellow fever, not far from our church. I think we

may, & ought to, look for it every day. My wife does not wish to go without me, & it is my duty to stand by to help the poor people here in their extremity. It is beyond my control that such a time makes extra expense in living & for disinfectants, & if we are any of us taken sick we will need a good deal (possibly $100.00) extra. If you could send me an extra $100 now to be used as far as necessary in case the fever comes here it would be a relief. In that case the colored people here would need especial help from friends at the North; & it would be dangerous to begin the school before the 10th or 15th of November. Remember us please.

Yours truly

Horace J. Taylor.

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Fuller
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Memphis Tenn.
About Fair
Remington
Hudson. Tenn.
Oct 16

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3885
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My Dear Friend.

Nearly every day for at least six weeks I have thought of writing to you. and at last this seems to be the day hit upon to actually do it. The comparative quiet of a summer spent here instead of at home, except one finds themselves in a whirl of circumstances, is generally fruitful of social letters &c. but the many that I had intended to write have been sacrificed to needed rest, and such indisposition as seldom finds any relief in letter writing. We spent four weeks at Chandlers Springs

Some of our friends are coming to Fair ground for Mr. Fuller's wife to do our work for us

where we rented a Cottage & kept house, enjoying the time very much, as (must every lover of nature in so picturesque a spot. I hope that you have had the privilege of resting somewhere, for how very much you must have needed it, so hot has it been everywhere, which doubtless has had something to do with the prevalence and malignity of the fever-scourge, which has been so terrible. We have had some small fears lest it might at last reach this healthful retreat but so near to frost (which after all seems to be singularly delayed) we hope to escape. We all dread very much to have Mr Hickok

and family go to Mobile, unacclimated as they are & so many of them, but not on this account perhaps any more than that we must give them up at all, so fortunately are they placed here, and with Mr. Andrews so inadequate to the duties imposed upon him. How much we do all regret that Dr Roy could not have come here previous to Mr Chase's leaving this change must be made when we can't help but feel that in his review of the field with this large and important mission work which Mr A. has so successfully in his hands (you will both pardon & understand me) together with the faithful stamping so to speak of these young men with

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education & a sense of duty in performing their work, that this, without a pastorate which must do draw upon his needed energy for this work, would be far better success for the whole work. Sometimes we can scarcely feel that it's too late to speak, so much do we all dread this change. Even Mr Todd, when he feels that Mr H. would not have a part in the school, or less prominence, now that he has Mr Ellis, whom we all think we shall like & will fill his place well, is evidently very practical, what we much need I suppose. And if Dr Shirley wants to get overturn us, we are all ready for it. Plenty of men can be found for Mobile? but few for this place who

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will give the satisfaction Mr H—. does. Is not Dr Ray to come this way soon? His faithful judgment would be so useful to us. After our last excellent Sabbath Mr A—. almost took his pen in hand to see if one more plea at the Office would not avail. If in the providence of God there could be a way out of it I assure you it would be hailed here with much joy. My all, Ch, sch, & workers, Mrs H—. has told me of her pleasant interview at the Office, her meeting with you &c. She is very efficient among us. So is her daughter May, whom the little folks like very much & we think she will make a fine teacher. & had hoped when our fate was unknown to us that she would assist Mr Whedon this

year.

Thurs. Morning.

I was necessarily delayed in sending my letter promptly and now comes new & dreadful reports of the fever spreading in Mobile. We had hoped that early frosts might prevent its becoming epidemic, but letters from there say that it is very bad among the colored people in the northern part of the city & that thousands of people are leaving. This will delay the work there very much greatly to our regret as well as yours. How mercifully we have been dealt with thus far in that as these soft southerly winds sweep over us, we almost fear lest it may yet be so all here. So much has been written this year upon its being wholly

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atmospheric,

I cannot tell you how much I should enjoy hearing from you again; My regretted emancipation from Popery, (you will not misunderstand me) has prevented our former social intercourse, as then I used to hear occasionally from Sa Louise. I should enjoy seeing her very much, but cannot write to her since she has never answered my last letter, but send her my love. perhaps she may some day be softened. I join heartily with the author of the "Household of Sir Thomas More," where Meg says of her step-mother, "I hate all sneaping and snubbing, Jowling, Jeering, pinching, nipping & such-like, it onlie creates Resentment instead of Penitence,

and lowers the Minds of either Parties
A story of the 15th Century but just
as full of true & right sentiment
to day. — I know that S. S. E. does
not feel unkindly to Mr A., but
I may frankly say to you that I think
Mrs A. does. Perhaps I would not
if, that would unkindly if I could
express it differently.

Do you anticipate a pleasant
winter North, & is your hope courage
& health good for the work
of the year. Mr A. is about to write
a Missionary letter about work
among the Chs & I must write something
before a great while. We are likely
to give our Woman's Miss Work plenty
of time to "cool off." perhaps Dr S.
intended this. How much I should
enjoy being at Taunton at the approach
in Aprin[illegible], I would seem like
being upon a mountain-top where you
could escape the oppression of a
lower atmosphere. There seems to

have been so many changes in the workers for the last
year, that sometimes I feel as if every body were dead —
with S. & the
rest & then
reassured
when I send
their letters
from home into
Europe where the
Affairs of Life
& the Great Lakes
& the Gulf.
Please
send a
letter soon
as you are
the only
[illegible]
Trinity!
With very
much love
Yours lov.
H. M. C.

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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Talladega Ala. Oct. 15 1878.

Dr. W. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

I supposed the report sent you yesterday for July was a full and correct one; but in the p.m. after I had mailed it, Mr Wheeler informed me that he did not begin to keep accounts until July 3d; meanwhile Mr. Lord had been receiving and paying out money during the preceding days, which late ascertained fact renders my sent statement valueless. I tried this morn. to get figures of Mr L, so as to make correction and forward by today's mail; but he is too busy with Fair business to wait upon me now; as soon as can possibly get them will make corrections and forward.

About the Fair:- Mr Lord is working hard to make it a success and I hope he will not be disappointed; he certainly will not if all his plans work and ideas can be carried out. The railroads have certainly made very liberal reductions, from two thirds to less than one

fifty rates for the colored people — whites have to pay one half fare — besides giving to Mr. Lord a five hundred mile ticket, thus enabling him to visit the towns and wake up the people.

It will be a great disappointment to us all if the premiums are not here in time for the fair. This exhibit would, in my own estimation, form no inconsiderable attraction and go far towards giving a sense of completeness and general satisfaction.

— As to its success in a financial point of view, Mr. Lord is sanguine, but I do not expect a very large dividend on the few shares which I nominally hold.

As to its real and permanent influence for good, I can hardly venture a prediction; I am not sufficiently familiar with the characteristics of the people who alone can be benefited by it. With close and deep interest, shall I watch it and its results, and when the latter are apparent shall be able to form at least a private judgement as to the advisability of repeating it. It is, at best, only an experiment, but we hope it will succeed.

Very truly yours
Geo. W. Ellis.

Geo. W. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

10-18-78
10-22-78

Horace J. Taylor
Athens.
Ala.

10-21-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3888
FISK UNIV.

Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama.
October 16th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.,

Dear Sir,

Yours with the $190.00 enclosed came to-day, also an invitation for my wife & children to go to her mother's in the country four miles from Mc Minnville, a healthy hilly country. As I have the money I will send them to-morrow. The expense will be ten dollars & fifteen cents, & I would like that deducted from amount charged to me on account of salary. One man (a Mr. Rogers living near our church) died at half past ten this morning of what a physician from Nashville, & one or two physicians here declare to be yellow fever. The physicians advise people to leave town. As the invitation comes just now when the yellow fever comes here, & when the money comes, I can but

take it as an indication of Providence that I should send my family. I shall stay, & do all I can in giving relief, visiting the sick & burying the dead. And if I should be taken I would commend my family to your kind care, trusting that the A. M. A. would help them so that they need not be in distress, as I have nothing but a small farm, with no house on it, near Mc Minnville. My boy would soon be old enough to go to school, & there are no schools of any account in Tennessee. I should want my family to go to Ohio, where the children could be educated. They would need a small grant to get there & to get settled so that they could earn their living. I write this, so that if I should be taken suddenly you would know it all. I shall be sorry to see them go away, but shall then feel freer to work, being without fear of communicating it to them. — I will report once or twice a week, & in case of distress among the colored people will report through you, if you are willing, to the people at the North. — ~~If you could send me the $12.15 for my wife's expenses~~ My wife's expenses will be $11.15 (including back hire in Nashville)

& my boy's $5.10 which I forgot. If you could send me the $16.25 & pay their expenses it would be a help now.

Remember us please, those that go, & me who will stay, in your prayers.

Yours truly

Horace J. Taylor.

A. ARCHIVES
3889
FISK UNIV.

Talladega. Oct. 17" 1878

M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Bro.

The friends in Mobile warn us against coming there just at present on account of the yellow fever — "A letter yesterday says a dreadful suspicion that the yellow fever has broken out in the northern part of the city — and is spreading very rapidly —

Bro. Thacher says "as much as we desire to see you we cannot advise you to come now — will write you again

the last of the month" —
We can hardly look for much frost in Mobile till about the 10th of Nov. so I am told — If in the few weeks previous the fever should rage there we can hardly open our school before the middle of next month.

We will watch the matter closely — there are friends here who have daily communication with friends in Mobile and as soon as we can go with safety we will go —

We are quite anxious to get to our work there — we do what we can for them by writing — yesterday I composed a short sermon on

the Bridgal Sun. the Sab.
S. lesson for next Sab. I
have written it on the
typo writer. I will send
it to the Sab. School It
will be easily read, and
it may do them good—

If it is at all prudent we
will be with the Mobile ch.
on the first sab. in Nov. and
ready to open school Nov. 4.
I do hope something
will occur, a frost—or
something else that will
enable us to do this—

In the meantime I have
charge of the ch. here—
and am doing what I
can to build up the King-
dom—

If you think best you
may send me two hundred

D. L. Hickok
Talladega
Ala.

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dollars on General account in two checks of one hundred dollars each which I will not cash till I need to do so — or if you think best let this matter remain till I advise you again —

Yours Truly
D. L. Hickok

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Alfred Jones
Childersburg
Ala.

10-21-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3890
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Childersburg Ala.
Oct. 17th 1878

Rev. M. E. Shirley.
Dear friend

I feel very thankful for the increase of my salary, this will enable me to do better than I could have done. I had plan with myself to give more or all of my time to the work, I love the ministry & I do not think that I could be satisfide any where else. even if I did not - receive any salary

And I thank the Lord that I am connected with your work I have alway every since I felt a change in my soul to be with such a work as this.

Not for the money only but I really believe that you all will do what is best and right. And if you all happen to do any thing wrong, you are not please with it.

I have great confident in your work & I am glad to feel one with it.

I feel bound to work where ever it seems the wisdom of my elder brothers because I think that you all can see better than I. At the same time I feel free. I donot think that you all would lorder over we bolck brothers as some pretend to think. And I pray that the lord may

& will bless & prosper
all your work.
It may seem to you that
I am getting along slow
but I expect to go on &
accomplish a great work
here. —— &c. I remain
your truly
Alfred Jones.

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W. E. Wheeler
Talladega

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Dated Talladega Ala 18 Oct 1878.

Received at WESTERN UNION BUILDING, *Broadway and Dey Street.*

To M. E. Stiby
56 Reade St
NY

Do not order harrows but please hurry other things

Warren E Wheeler

Paid 12
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Montgomery Oct. 19th

Rev. M. E. Strieby
Dear Bro.

Your kind letter containing checks for $74.00, and $150.50 came a few days ago.

I am glad there is prospect of a minister coming. I think he is much needed. It is very unfortunate that the regular pastors of the A.M.A. churches are compelled to be away from their people so many months in the year.

The minister's room here at the home

without a carpet.
With only a grate and an open house it is hardly possible to get along without one. Mr. Andrews took his with him. Messrs Stickel and Noble furnished their own and took them with them.

Good carpets are cheap here. Would it not be well to buy one so that the room can be properly prepared for the minister, and save otherwise necessary extra expense to every new ministers. I merely make the suggestion.

Our hearts were

gladdened this morning by the sight of considerable frost. Some prospect of more tomorrow. I do hope the ravages of the fever will soon end for this season.

The fever at N. O. has only recently reached the neighborhood of our Claiborne St. house. It is worse in that locality now than almost any other part of the city.

It has nearly disappeared in the part first infected. Our part of the city will be freed last I suppose.

Straight students seem

J. M. McPherson
Montgomery
Ala.

10-22-78
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to be keeping up good enthusiasm, judging from the tone of many letters.

The total population in the district from which I got property statistics was, in 1870, 21482
White 6781 Colored 14701
There has been some increase since but I can't tell how much. Probably not very great.

I shall be glad when we can safely go back to N.C.

Very Truly Yours
J. M. McPherson

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3893
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala
Oct 17th 1878.

Rev M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Bro.

The Church at Shelby Iron Works chose J. D. Smith for Pastor & are anxiously awaiting his arrival. The Company agree to pay Eight dol.s per month towards his salary & furnish him a house. His fitness for the place has been quite fully discussed by the leading men of the Co, & it will be quite a disappointment should he fail them. We have no man who can go there in case he does not, & as the ch. is the most important one of our family of ch.s about Talladega some first class man must be had. The Co. is quite particular about the man & give some rules for his work - He must also be a colored man

J. D. Smith's life is so inferior to

him & he feels this inferiority so keenly that any further education on his part would only increase the difficulty. We have already noticed a plan to keep his wife in school for a year or two more, & at likely Mr Smith could be near her—

As far as I can understand the case it seems to me better for Smith to enter on his chosen work than to remain at Alabama for further study—State if it seems to you otherwise or hope correctly there may be no delay in supplying his place—It would be a pity to cool the ardor of this ch. so soon.

Yours truly

G. W. Andrews

G. W. Andrews
Talladega
Ala.

10-21-78

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Talladega Ala. Oct. 21 1878.

Dr. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

Please send me by return mail one half doz. indexed pocket account books, large size. I intend to put one into the hands of the head of each department and to have him or her keep therein a full account with each student under his or her supervision, also of all expenses appertaining to that department; from this book to make to me a monthly report the accuracy of which I shall verify by examination.

If the plan meet your approval, please send books above mentioned; if not, or there be a better way, I desire to know it and to adopt the best.

Shall mail July and August statements to-day; it is not my fault that the September does not also accompany — hope to have it so as to send early this week. Very truly Yours Geo. N. Ellis.

Geo. N. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

10-24-78
10-24-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3895
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Oct. 22 - 78.

Dr. W. E. Strieby

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct 11 rec'd; please accept thanks for information given.

I again send July statement, but cannot vouch for its accuracy - I do not think anyone can, but I have done the best I could to make it correct and think it may stand; at least if any errors subsequently appear I can somehow fix them up on the books here and, if necessary, refer to them in my after statements. The July report is, as mentioned in previous letter, run into old molds. "Industrial Department" is genus of which there are several species which will appear hereafter in my own reports. The debit balance is quite large - $235.69/100 which amount Mr Lord, Mr. Wheeler, or somebody - for they seem to have a common purse - must have paid out, and which I suppose is due them.

With August I open accounts with the following Departments: Agricultural, Boarding, Girls' Industrial School, Theological, A. M. A. Carpenter Shop, Postage, General Expenses; besides there will be one or two special accounts for a short time. The A. M. A. a/c may need a word of explanation:- Mr Andrews informs me that he has been in the habit of reporting under one head - Thea. dept - two entirely separate accounts, that of the Thea. dept proper and the missionary expenses such as carriage hire, buggy repairs etc. As the former way makes an unfair showing against this dept, and wishing each to stand on

on its true ground, I have separated the two-fold account.

As to the manner of making out my own reports to you:- I want them satisfactory and shall spare no pains to make them so. My own plan, however, would differ somewhat from that which I judge from your last letter you desire. If I correctly understand my instructions as given me in N.Y. by Mr. Hubbard, I am to conduct business on strictly a cash basis, to settle monthly all bills against the Institution for current expenses; and if I understand your instructions as expressed in the letter of Oct. 18, you desire in these monthly reports just so much as pertains to running expenses, and no more, - am I correct in this? Now, conducting things on the cash system, my own idea, up to the reception of your letter, was that my monthly statement would be in reality a full and complete analysis of Cash account, showing, in totals, all receipts, amount deposited by students, collected on old book accounts, and Beneficiary Fund, as well as the regular sources of receipts; while the Credit side would show, in totals, all disbursements, with as much itemizing as necessary to make them intelligible and satisfactory. I think the above plan will save me some time which, after opening of school, will be an object.

But I do not know just the use you make of these reports after they reach you; and the thought has occurred to me as a possible objection that they, if made out as above, may not be in the most convenient shape and thus necessitate a revision or some modification on your part before they can be utilized. If so, I assume that I shall conform as nearly as in me lies to

your wishes. But I thought I would write you concerning it and submit the plan existing in my own mind for your approbation or disapproval.

I send you two statements for August, one in each plan; the only difference in these, however, is the loan from Miss Lord, but of course other reports will vary more. Please inform me which suits your convenience best and in accordance with which you desire subsequent reports to be made out.

Very truly Yours,
Geo. N. Ellis.

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Geo. N. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

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N. W. Andrews
Talladega
Ala.
10-26-78
10-29-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO 3896
FISK UNIV

Talladega, Ala. Oct 22

My Dear Friend,

I did not expect to write you so soon again, as only a few days ago I mailed you a letter, but Mr A. is writing for a few small articles of wear, & as I need some gloves will you not obtain & send with his order to Mr Hubbard 2 pr's of those 4 button lisle thread that you may remember I always select, or ask you to for me, 1 pr very dark drab, the other quite light or on the lavender order, if they are difficult to find & you know of some other style that will do as well get them & save yourself trouble, also can you give me Miss

Norman's address.

Now a little about our Fair flight, the Womens Dept of which we fear will not be all fair unless we gently exert ourselves till it opens. The white ladies of course can take no premiums for anything that we exhibit, & the Colored women are not ready for it, so to redeem appearances. We are going to have a table of fancy articles that we shall sell out at a small price. The proceeds to go to help draw premiums. Our names have been put upon the list of managers & we must look after our reputation a little. Can you obtain cheap, anywhere in the City & send by mail some small articles that will help our table. If nothing is lost on them it will help accomplish our object, even a few bright neck-ties or cheap handkerchiefs, a home-made article of any kind, the wife assume the bill. Of course, the few that are here are doing what they can with limited means. Some of us have felt that we should not have it on account of the fever, but I think Mr. H. would be very much disappointed. He left here yesterday to commence a canvass of the entire State. Our frost saturday & sunday night, he feels, is sufficient guard against the fever. Miss Newcomb has come, is pleasing in her personal appearance. We have no acquaintance yet. Dr Roy is a relative of hers. The thinks he will come here very soon. Affectionately. H. W. Andrews.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
No. 3897
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12-18-78
C. M. Hubbard

Talladega Ala
Oct 22nd 1878

Dear Mr Hubbard.

I want a pair of gloves for driving, sawing wood, & general work — all leather — not buck-skin as it is too thick & clumsy; not kid as it is too light & trifling — but a good tough calf-skin or possibly dog-skin or anything better — color, not particular, size, very large — say No. 10 or 11, — the danger will be that you will get something too small,

Also a pair of insoles — size No. 11 material, leather foundation with plates of rubber or cork — something warm & dry; not too thick! — I once had a pair that had alternate plates of copper & zinc forming a battery, & liked them much.

You can judge as my general wants is something dry & warm & not too thick.

I can find nothing suitable of either of the above named articles in this market, — If you will be kind enough to favor me with your taste & experience in a selection I shall be made comfortable all winter.

Mrs A. writes to Miss E. for some articles, please put all in one bundle & send by mail, express, or in some box that is coming this way as you may deem best.

We are all cheered at the reduction of the debt to $31,000.: that is a sum that one can comprehend. All honor to the brave men that are in the front of the struggle. I hope for a glorious annual meeting.

With best wishes for your individual welfare & with the hope that some day we may tread Coney Beach together again in full communion with old Ocean & each other, I remain cordially your friend — G. W. Andrews,

Send me in some box before long a pair of No. 11 rubber overshoes — the other articles send by mail.

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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Model School,

Agriculture,
Carpentering,
Printing,
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Oct 24 1878.

My Dear Miss Emerson

After a journey of nearly a week I arrived in T— on the 2d inst — and reported for duty. I regret that I could not have been here a month sooner. Things are in a very unsettled condition — the second postponement of School — the approaching Fair &c — make it not easy for me to take hold of the work — Scholars are coming in — I think the Institution will suffer from the delay — Mr Lord is absent for a few days — I am informed that we are to have one less teacher this year than last — and more work is anticipated — there seems to be no one who can be spared to assist me in the industrial work — what am I to do — it is barely possible that I could secure the services of a lady friend who is now in Chicago — she has been there as missionary for years — I think she would come for her board & a small salary — perhaps ten dollars per month — she worked last year in the jails & hospitals of C — without any salary. I await your reply with anxiety — I must have help — & that very soon — I am very much pleased with T — and the people — Mrs Parsons & Miss Lord

are planning to live out side of the Inst — I had some thought that Mrs P might be useful here — but have fully decided that it will be well for her to make a change — I think Mr Ellis is going to be very efficient —

Could you send by some teacher who is coming — ten pounds of ground Chickory to mix with the coffee — a great saving — as well as improvement to coffee — Cant get it here — it might be put in a box & checked as separate baggage — I should prefer if you do send, that it be not known what it is — as some people are peculiar about such things —

Anxiously awaiting an early reply

Yours Truly

E P Newcomb

E. P. Newcomb
Talladega
Ala.

10-28-78
10-31-78

Wm H. Ash
10-30-78 Florence
Ala.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3899
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Florence Ala.
Oct 25th 1878.

Yours of the 27th of Sept. containing check for one hundred ($100) also one for travelling expenses amounting $35, and the check sent on the 9th of October for fifty dollars Please accept my most sincere thanks for your kindness in sending the October salary for fear I might need, no one at present of our members need aid, three or four have been sick with the fever but all have been able

to help themselves and the "Howards" are here to render all the assistance needed if beyond the individual who need such aid.
The fever has been real bad during the last three weeks nearly all of the people who were able fled from the city when the fever broke out and are still out in the country.
It is impossible for me to describe the situation I never saw God so near to man as he now reveals Himself "The I am"
we live within fifty yards of the principal

depot where the hammer and the saw are continually heard upon the coffin of the dead.
I will send the diagram of the lot in my next and will write more fully.
Pray for us that we may be delivered from this plague. I will trust in the Lord. "He knows what is in the darkness and the light dwells with him".

Yours in Christ

William H. Ash

In haste.

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Agriculture,
Carpentering,
Printing,
House Work.

~~Talladega~~ Selma Ala. Oct 25 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,
Dear Sir:

I accept with some hesitation your permission to lay the question of the store before the Ex. Com. I do not know that there is much of anything more to be said. The original plan of the Industrial Dept. was a farm, carpentering work, the printing press, house hold work and any other labor that might be introduced as experience and opportunity suggested, and some means of disposing of the products of this labor. Last year work in four departments was begun and sales were made by ~~four~~ different persons from five different rooms. The Industrial teacher sold articles to women from one room and says that it took nearly half of her time, one of the young men sold mens goods from another room, another sold meat from the meat-

house, Mr. Wheeler sold books & stationery from the book room while I was obliged to have the general care of it all and keep stationery stamped in my office. There would be much less trouble to the one who must have oversight of it all to have all the goods in one place and sold by one individual and at the same time very much more can be sold. Opening a store for the sale of our productions can hardly make the people of the place feel more aggrieved, than what we have already done. From a few men the College has purchased every year not far from $800.00 worth of beef from which they have made a good profit. The College now more than supplies itself. The farmers and merchants have supplied the College with vegetables, milk, butter &c to nearly the same amount; we now supply ourselves and have some to sell. $300.00 of wood formerly bought in the market are now supplied by our own labor. If trade belongs to any one and the people of the place are to have their pecuniary interests consulted our future dealights upon their good will will hardly be so great as this

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Talladega Ala. ..... *1878.*

the first. But so far as I can judge there is much interest manifested in our new enterprise, though many have lost their best market. A market for the products is as essential to production as a channel for the stream. We have reached the limit already of our own demand. We shall supply everything which we profitably can to the College and shall have to stop producing unless we can sell. Mr. Gen. Armstrong can send his products to the cities and can profitably produce much that we cannot attempt. We must market all of our production here and must first teach the people to buy. From 10,000 to 20,000 colored people are supplied with many of the necessities of life from Talladega. Not the least of the original object of the industrial fair was to teach them to become buyers (for he who buys is on the road to wealth) and to buy of the Ends

Dept. Certainly 1000 colored people live within half a mile from the College, much nearer than to the village store. With a small supply of the necessaries which we do not produce we might secure their trade for what we do produce. The College is obliged to have a large amount of everything we should want in the store. It would be no more trouble to order at the same time a supply for the store and in buying the quantity better prices could be secured. No loss could accrue for the College would use what the store could not sell. It certainly would be a benefit to the colored people at large as well as to the Dept.

Respectfully

Edward P. Lord.

Edw. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

10-26-78
10-28-78

Ex. Corr.

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Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theol. Dep't.

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House Work.

Selma Talladega Ala. Oct 28 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.

Dear Sir:

The R.R. sent me a free pass up and down the road so I am spending a week or two visiting the principal places talking up the school. the fair &c.

In relation to the finances of the College please give me written instructions. I shall be very glad to be wholly relieved from responsibility if that is the intention of the Assn but it will hardly do for Mr. Ellis and I to have different instructions from the office as we seem to have. I have said nothing about it to him hoping to hear from you by the time I return. I must the responsibility and and onus will be placed upon one and be clearly understood then can hardly fail to be mistaken otherwise.

I inclose part of a letter received from Mr. Knapp not knowing what answer to make.

Respectfully

Edward P. Lord.

E. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

10-28-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3903
FISK UNIV.

Anniston Ala.
Oct 26th 1878

Rev. M. E. Strieby
New York

Dear Bro.

Yours of 7th inst is at hand. I am sorry to learn that the A. M. A. have no funds for enlarging her borders in the south. I doubt if I could do very much without the interposition of the A. M. A. Jacksonville is twelve miles from Anniston. It is the County Site of Calhoun Co.

I think I will compare with Talladega in population. My plan of work then

was to make a preaching station there and attend it once per month.

I have partially secured or almost obtained permission to preach once per month in one of the Col. Churches of Jacksonville.

I say my plan was because without our assistance from abroad my ~~my~~ plan is frustrated, hopes blasted, and interest weakened and almost lost.

My desire is very greatly in favor of gathering a Orig. Church there: but when means fail desire must give place to inability. The above stated plan is agreeable with Bro. Andrews. It was by

his order and instructions
that I wrote to you con-
cerning the Matter.
He has been so very
busy since I rec-
eived Oct 7th Inst.
that I have not conferred
with him with reference
to this Work. but will
do so - as soon as it
becomes convenient.
I learn from the
Missionary of this
Month that you will
be absent from your
office on the last
of this, and first of next
Month. And as I want to
attend the Fair at Talladega
I write to you now
asking you to please
be kind enough to forward

Peter J. McEntosh
Anniston
Ala.

10-28-78
10-30-78

My salary for Oct before you leave on receive it so that it will be at my Post Office by the 4th of Nov 1878.

Please dont fail to attend to this matter for me as I am depending upon it for the purpose of attending the fair, which I would not be willing to be absent from on any acct. I hope to see you and clasp your hand at the fair.

Your in Christian love
Peter J. McEntosh.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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J. M. McPherson
Montgomery
Ala.

11-2-78
11-18-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3904
FISK UNIV.

78

Montgomery Oct. 28th

Rev. M. E. Strieby

Dear Bro.

As Prof. Cole has decided to return I suppose I am released from any obligation to return in advance of the other teachers. If I were Principal Agt. or Prin. I should feel under obligation to return in time to prepare for the next. But as I am neither, and Mrs. McPheron is not matron, I feel that it would be entirely out of place for

me to have anything to do in this line.

I think we have done that kind of work in Montgomery faithfully this fall. I think we can fairly claim release from any further labors of that character.

I suppose the reason you have not spoken of my release from any obligation to go back in advance of the others has been due to your being very busy preparing for the Annual Meeting.

How anxiously we are all looking for the results of the meeting. I do hope the debt

may be blotted out, and the A.M.A. be able to start in a new year unburdened.

We hear nothing of a minister for Montgomery yet. I hope he may appear soon.

Yours Very Truly
J. M. McPherson

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Alfred Jones
Childersburg

10-31-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3905
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Childersburg Ala.
Oct. 28th 1878

Mr. Rev. M. E. Strieby
Dear Sir.
Please send me my
Salary for Oct.
Since I sent up my report
I have baptized two adults
& four infants.
I am of great courage. Sir,
I belive that we will have
a good healthy church here
I ask that you all will remem-
ber my work in your prayers
I will be faithful in my
work the Lord being my
helper

I am your
truly
Alfred Jones.

Horace J. Taylor
Athens.
10-31-78 Ala.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3906
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Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama.
October 28th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D. D.,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 23rd inst. came Saturday. Thank you for the enclosed check. One woman died of yellow fever last Wednesday. Report says that one woman long in delicate health is now very sick, having a high fever. but I do not find any ground for such a report. We had quite a hard freeze last night, & I hope we are over with y. f.

Jes. Wells pretended to go to school last year most of the time, i.e. when he felt like it. He heard classes, as did two others, in April & May. Last fall he was arrested as a vagrant & replied that he was teaching for a living. He was here most of that part of the school year following Jan. 1st '78, was absent from town perhaps ten days when he said he was in a barber shop in Decatur.

I could get neither Sabbath School nor congregation yesterday; owing partly to the greater part being in the country, & partly to a heavy, cold, rain that fell till past noon. I opened the school house at a quarter before nine & stayed till ten. A little after ten two men, members of the church, met me at the church where we talked over matters pertaining to the church for a little over an hour. The white churches in town were not open at all yesterday.

Yours truly

Horace J. Taylor.

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NO. 3907
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11-2-78
11-13-78

Rev. G. W. Andrews
Talladega
Ala.

Oct 29th 1878
Talladega Ala.

Rev M. E. Strieby D.D.
Dear Bro.

The Shelby Iron Co. have informed me that they do not want a colored man from the North to become porter of the ch. there, so that in case J. D. Smith does not come to that place, how shall the ch be provided for? My judgment is that we had better park it in with the other ch's about here, & care for it for this year though one of our theological pupils — Possibly it may be best for one of the pupils to serve there for a year before finishing his studies — H. S. Williams or G. B. Sims or J. J. Beaver would suit. Our strong preference is that J. D. Smith should labor there if he could enter heartily on the work. G. B. Sims has charge for this month — Should you have some one of our pupils assigned to

duty there I think there will need to be the full appropriation of $25 per month or $360 each yr. the traveling expenses would be considerable & board is at the rate of $14 per month. Should Mr Smith be sent there I think we would establish a preaching station at Columbiana or Calera 6 & 10 miles away.

I should be glad of $50 on personal account, & I wish $15 might be sent to G. B. Sims for services at Shelby this month, which with the $8 the Co. pays will make the $25. He has been there every Sab. this month & done good work, having an advantage in being well acquainted with the place & people as a former teacher. He will have his own board to pay this month & his traveling expenses out of this $25.

Hoping for a glorious annual meeting I remain yours truly.

G. W. Anderson,

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10-8-78

Geo. N. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

Talladega Ala. Oct. 30 1878.

Dr. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

Last evening the matron spoke to me about purchasing table cloths; she says it will be necessary to get some very soon, and after talking with other ladies here, favors colored ones, believing they will outlast others because of less frequent changes and washings. We shall have three long tables, - about 30 ft each. She also wishes to include in the purchase napkins to correspond. I told her I preferred getting your opinion and sanction before ordering. What will they cost in N.Y.? She is confident she can get them in Chicago as cheap or cheaper than in N.Y., being personally acquainted at Field, Leigh & Co.

Thus far I like Mrs N. very much, and think she is going to succeed admirably.

I want to ask information with reference to Latin in my dept. I understand it has not

been taught here for a time, how long I do not know, ~~but~~ and I had planned for its re-introduction this year and some have already got books and gone to studying, but was informed quite recently that I ought to consult you, which I should have done much sooner had I known the need of it.

So many students have come in expecting school to open Oct. 25, that we felt compelled to do something to employ them. Mr. W- & self are the only teachers on the ground and, with the consent of others here, decided to devote this week - the afternoons - to general instruction and review. In my dept. I have taken up the subject of Language, with special reference to the English language and Eng. grammar and analysis. I appoint two pupils each day to discuss some question bearing upon education and school work. Every teacher is to give his or her experience of teaching ~~during~~ the past summer, manner of conducting school etc. I think we shall get a good many new ideas in this way, at least spend our time more profitably than in doing nothing. Very truly Yours Geo. N Ellis.

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Talladega Ala. Oct. 30. 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir, —

For some time I have been thinking of writing you about living out-side of the family. The reasons are many: My mother has been with us for about eight months, and I fear to have her go North now, as she has had one stroke of paralysis, and yet I do not think it would be as well for her to be in so large a family as we have. I my-self would enjoy a quiet winter with my mother as I have for several years been in a large boarding family. I hardly feel able to pay $15 1/2 per month for mothers board on a salary of $15; I know her board could be much cheaper out side.

There is a little house near by which we can rent; and I would like the privilege of doing so, and would it be possible for you to either allow me the cost of ~~my~~ board as you have ascertained it to be or allow me to use provisions from the hall, and pay any amount you may think best for my

mothers board, or any other arrangement you think best; I shall be very grateful for the privilege and believe my work will be equally as good. my work will be here of course.

Miss Newcomb came one week ago Saturday Nov 18 She is to take all the work into her hands friday but has asked me to take charge of the girls until school commences. We think we shall like her very much,

Hoping for a speedy and favorable reply

I am Yours truly,

K. A. Lord

Kate A. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

11-2-78
11-20-78

Wm H. Ash
Florence
Ala.

11-4-74
12-19-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3910
FISK UNIV.

Florence Ala.
Oct 31st 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby
Dear Sir:

After many months of sorrow, woe, excitement and confusion at last there is a gradual calm in general.

Many who left their homes to escape stricken are now feeling safe to return to their homes again.

By a marked providence I have been delivered from the dreadful scourge which has been through His tender mercy. For which I feel grateful.

In the last six weeks there has been forty or fifty death which is very large for this small place.
At times there was lack of agreement among the physicians as to their decision upon the cases reported, some believing that it was not yellow fever, others declaring it to be the disease with all of its characteristic symtoms. Whatever it was, it was fatal, for within a hundred yards of my room a man who went to wait on a gentleman reported to have had the yellow fever, returned to his home and in a weeks time he and his

wife with two children
here in their graves, this is
only one example of many.
The emigrants of Florence for
Kansas are gone taking with
them about-thirty of our
sheep, eighteen being the working
church and the best-their
children.
We are now reduced to a very
small force but-everything is
possible with God, it matters
not-with Him, whether with
a few or with many. He
will accomplish His purposes.
The work in Florence will
for some time be very slow
for there is not very much ma-
terial in the town, and
the opposition to our work
is strong, some of the members
of other churches do more to

impede our progress than to develop their own Christian character or to obtain a knowledge of pure religion.

You spoke of the public school which you thought I could get, but Mr. Wallace had been here with Mr. Anderson and received the appointment before I came, but the future may develop new opportunity. In God's hand we shall wait patiently watching the changes.

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The church from which the original number constituting the congregational church came has predicted that as soon as the families were gone, our church would break up, it has somewhat that appearance.

The best thing we can do

in my opinion is to
build right away it would
encourage a discouraged few,
for the Methodist Church is
without an edifice, and it
would be an inducement
for many to come to our
church and hear the gospel.
I have talked with the
builder probably the one that
will be employed, about the
possible cost of a chapel
25 X 40 for we dare hardly
build anything smaller than
the present need.
The disadvantage in obtaining
material for building purposes
raises the cost, above other
cities and towns where they
have them right at hand.
But he will do it as cheap
as anybody for he is our
friend. He will let me
know his figures in a few

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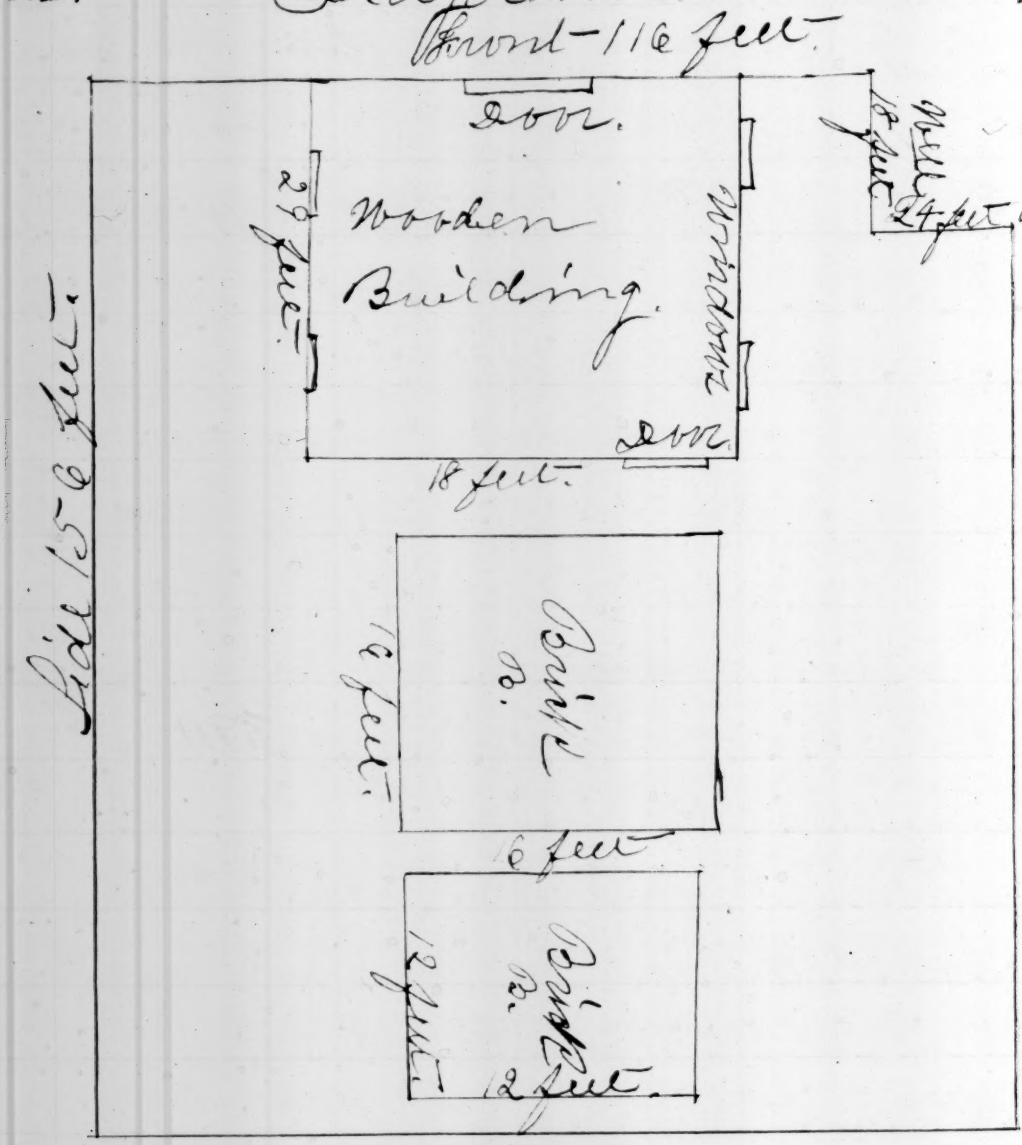
daff and I will send them
on.

Diagram.



The corner which you see
18x24 is situated a well belong in
to the city.
There is enough brick in the

two buildings together with a large chimney attached to the wooden building to be the foundation.

A. A. A. ARCHIVES
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They must be taken down and cleaned which will involve considerable labor and time, but will be as cheap as you can buy them here. May God bless the deliberations of the council of the association so that his kingdom may be advanced into the dark portions of the earth, and may all that is done give courage to its officers in carrying out their plans in the coming year.

Yours in Christ
William H. Ash

P.S. When shall we look for the organ.

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
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Carpentering,
Printing.
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Oct 31, 1878.

11-4-78 Ansd.

Geo. N. Ellis
Talladega
Ala.

Dr. W. E. Strieby

Dear Sir!

Yours of 28th at hand. In regard to July statement I attended to little with it more than to simplify it somewhat as it was on the old way of doing business and making reports. By referring to Mr. Wheeler's statements you will see the $75. reported as two loans to Mr Lord; the $12. per Smith was, I suppose, for work and properly would appear under the head of labor, and thus would have appeared had it been under my regime.

My Sept. report should have reached you long ago, but I could not get full returns from Mr. W. and L. - I have them not yet. Mr. L. left Oct 21 and has not yet returned, so here I am with hands tied as far as reporting is concerned. This will necessarily throw my Oct. rept behind, for I want to put in books

Sept ate first. But I hope in time to get control of things so as to be more prompt. meanwhile throwing myself upon your leniency.

I went thus a.m. and had quite a talk with S. J. Smith. He tells a straightforward story, plain and, to me, satisfactory. He showed me letter written by Mr. Rope, from wh. I take two sentences bearing upon the matter. - letter is dated Talladega, Jany. 18 - 1877. from New York

"A few days ago I received a letter, authorizing me to secure you to assist me. I can give you $30. per month and board." Then follow a few remarks on the proposition - "If you do well at our work I will get lumber and let you put up a little house for your family". In regard to this S - says the understanding was that he was to put up the house on his own time i.e. not charge it to A. M. A., and was to have rent free but upon leaving the house was to belong to the Assoc. This house was never put up but Rofer rented one for Smith in which he lived 3½ months and boarded with his family, Mr. Rope settling house-rent $5.50 per month & charging it to Smith's a/c.

He boarded at Hall's sometime before his family came.

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Talladega College,

You have Popio ~~[illegible]~~ with Dr as you think best

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Talladega Ala. 1878.

Then he moved and for 11 months & two days ~~was~~ ~~to~~ paid $6. per month. This was up to Aug. 10-78, the time of his leaving. Mr. Smith claims the difference between board and house-rent, namely for 3½ mos $4.50 $13.50, for 11 m - dent count 10 days - $4. per month $44., thus claiming a total of $57.50. On the other hand, judging from portal written by Mr. Pope to Mr. Smith, in which is the following: "I thought you preferred the house-rent and board at home to boarding at the Hall. That was my understanding.", and from what Mr. Wheeler says this was the understanding on the part of Mr. Pope and Mr Ford that house-rent and privilege of boarding at home, were an equivalent for board at hall as specified in agreement. Mr S - claims that it was no great "privilege" to board with his own family, that all along he supposed the difference would be paid to him in settlement and that no distinct and different arrangements were made when he left hall.

From Mr. Lord I got not any satisfactory answer to my questions. "I have settled with Mr. Smith," was all he told me.

Taken all in all, I have not felt it best to settle the a/c without consulting you. I will address a line to Mr. P— in regard to it: if I can get further light upon it will report, want to take no steps which you will not approve.

Please answer; if the a/c appears satisfactory to you, telegraph me Tuesday authorizing payment, as S— is anxious to get money before the Fair.

He has taken legal counsel and proposes to resort to law if there is no other way; this I should consider very unfortunate for the reputation of a missionary institution, unless we can sure we have the right on our side.

Awaiting your reply,

I am,

Most Respectfully Yours

Geo. W Ellis.

For information address
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Cooperative Store,
Wholesale & Retail,
Farm Implements &c.

Talladega Ala. 26th 1878.

Miss M. E. Strieby,
New York city,

Dear Sir,-

Can you please send me a check of twenty five or fifty dollars.

All are quite busy. Am very much disappointed in not beginning school ~~tom~~ Monday next, think there is no possible danger.

Yours truly,
Warren E. Wheeler

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Warren E. Wheeler
Talladega
Ala.

10-30-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3915 [redacted]
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala. 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:

When I returned I found that the money which was due as balance on account of May and June and which was sent from the office to Mr. Wheeler had of necessity been used partly for running expenses and that bills due for June had not been settled as I had supposed. He was at that time expecting money from the office on Mr. Hills account but when the letter came from the office to him I telegraphed because the money was so much needed

Mr. Ellis telegraphs me that he starts for Talladega tomorrow. Can you not send at once $250 for wood for the year and $70.00 for coal. Also this is the best time of the year to buy our beef. We have now 40 head

but not more than 15 or 20 of these had better be killed this year. We use about 50 during the year. I can get them at 2cts per lb now, while Mr. Polk's contract which was carried out last year was 5 and 5½ cts. I should like $400 to buy cattle with now.

We have never had so many applicants for admission to all the departments and the appearance now is of a large increase in numbers, though the necessity of postponing the opening of school will interfere somewhat.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

Edw. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

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Dated, Talladega ala

Rec'd at Western Union Building, BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To Dr M E Strieby

Nov 2 1878

56 Reade st ny

Lord wants three hundred eighty
Seven dollars on personal account
to raise mortgage and save
property shall I let him
have it answer quickly
24 pa's Geo N Ellis

Geo. N. Ellis

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READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

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Printing,
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Nov. 2, 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:

Your of the. I think I understand and appreciate the checks and system of the use of money. I have better knowledge of what Mr. Ellis is to do, and what I am not to do than I have of what is expected in the way of doing from me. It really seems to me and Mr. Ellis seems to have the impression that the principal object in the financial arrangements is to secure protection against me.

My instructions in N. Y. were that Mr. Ellis was to keep all accounts, was to hold all moneys belonging to the Assn here, was to pay out money only upon a written order from me; that I was to act as I had done as business manager, mak-

purchases, approving all bills, drawing money from the treasury by written order and in all possible cases giving vouchers to the treasurer for the money so drawn. When Mr. Ellis came he had evidently received different ideas of work. He has made purchases settled bills of last summer made arrangements with the matron for the conduct of the boarding dept. in new departures loaned money from the $500 sent for beef & fuel to the extent of $150 without my knowledge and at the same time refusing to pay to me money which I had just spent for beef and to the grocer simply saying that Mr. Andrews had so advised.

Knowing the continual criticism to which I was subjected last year I have ~~backed~~ courage to speak of it here but wrote to you asking what my duties were. Your letter only tells me what I must not do. I shall only be too well pleased if I can be fully relieved from attending to the outside business of the institution

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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Talladega Ala. 1878.

I regret that my willingness to work should have been construed into a desire in the first place to assume the financial duties. I certainly never entered upon them from preference but from a belief that most could be accomplished, and now if some one has been found who can perform the duties better I shall rejoice exceedingly. I ought however to be informed and the change should be complete. I am not at all anxious in what position or with what name I do my work, but the withdrawal of the confidence of the Assn from me makes my labor a very ungracious task, ~~and~~ Sending to Mr. Ellis to settle with Mr. Smith not only injured me very much but brings all of us here into disrespect.

Please let me know in just what way I

am wished to work for this people here and if I can really help them in that way you will certainly not find me hesitating.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

E. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.
11-6-78
11-8-78

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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Printing,
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Nov. 8th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:

Mr. Smith our man for outside work who came here with Mr. Pope at $30 per month and house rent has left us. He was an excellent workman & perhaps the best man for the place we could have found. I have tried to find another colored man to fill the place but could not. Mr. Ellis has written to a young man in the north who is a skillful workman and has considerable experience upon the farm. Mr. Ellis says he is an excellent Christian man and will come to do missionary work as well as his special duties. He will come for $25 per month and his board. We are in great need of one and Mr. Ellis has written to him to be ready to come as soon as he ~~[illegible]~~

engagement is out when he is — two weeks ~~unless we hear unfavorably~~. If I receive a favorable answer from you. From Mr. Ellis account of him I should think he was just the man we want and it is imperative that we should have some-one at once. I inclose the young mans photograph and address.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

E. P. Lord
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Dated, Talladega Ala 4

Rec'd at Western Union Building, BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To Rev M E Stricby NOV 4 1878

56 Reade St NY

Express today any pictures or books at your office

E. P. Lord

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11-4-78 E. P. Lord Talladega Ala

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NO. 3921
FISK UNIV.

Selma Ala. Nov. 5. 1878.

Mr. M. E. Strieby
New York.

Dear Bro.

My happy stay in this place is ended, and I go to Talladega. My work here has been a happy one, and the Church is I believe in a good condition. God has been good to us here this Summer.

I presented your letter to Mr. Silsby on the subject of the board matter. And the voice of the Church is that they are unable to do more than they have done for this year, not being written to on the subject at first. The Church has paid me in full $14.75 on pastor's salary. My board then is to be paid by you, it is the same as last year. So please send me for Oct. And my board.

Please send to Talladega as I leave Selma to day.

Yours truly. A. G. Meeder.

A. J. Vearson
Selma
Ala.

11-9-78
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D. L. Hickok

11-9-78

Shelby Iron Works
Nov. 5th 1878.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3922
FILE

M. E. Strieby

Dear Bro: Yours of the 2nd just received — checks all right —

I am on my way to Mobile. Spent last Sab. here, preached for the new colored church and administered communion to them for the first time since their organization. And presented them a

Commonwealth, given me for some Colored church while in the north last summer—

I will send you the Monthly report for October as soon as I get settled in Mobile—

I shall start from here to-morrow & stop on my way at Montgomery—If possible shall be in Mobile Saturday—or Monday at the furthest—Yours D. L. Hickok—

L. M. McPherson
Montgomery
Ala
11-11-78
11-18-78

Montgomery Nov 6th 78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3923
FISK UNIV.

Rev M. E. Strieby
Dear Bro.

I send herewith Financial Statements for the summer since the settlement in June, and for the month of Oct.

The Grocer's Bill seems large, but all purchases at the grocery store are included in it, as I found I could not separate them in all cases. They are all "Table expenses" however I believe.

The house hold furnishing goods all seemed necessary. They were got at Miss. Adam's suggestion,

I suppose the reason I don't hear from you, is that the annual meeting has absorbed your time.

We have not so far heard anything from the meeting.

Do you think Straight Univ. will open Dec. 12th?

You will have the Claiborne St. house fumigated will you not? The Board of Health strongly advise it before occupying by refugees.

Very Truly Your
J. H. McPherson

Geo. E. Hill
Marion
Ala.

11-21-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3924
FISK UNIV.

Marion Nov. 8. 1878.

Rev D. Strieby
My Dear Bro.

I send herewith my a/c for October, wh it will be officially a convenience to me to have paid at once.

The "Lincoln Normal University," has opened this year with a new Principal - four teachers and 160 pupils. I have been earnestly solicited to teach there and have consented to make the experiment for three hours five days in the week. Instead of this interfering with my Missionary work I think it will be a decided advantage. My church are desirous that we Congregationalists should be represented in the school

and I am urged me to accept the position. The President - Mr. Paterson, is a Baptist, but not sectarian. Prof. Burns is a Presbyterian. The new impulse in Education here will be felt in every other direction. The good work is going on.

My daughter has this week opened a Kinder Garten for some of the smaller children, at the Home, wh. promises well from a success.

Very truly yrs

Ro. E. Hill.

May E. Hickok
Talladega
Ala.
11-15-78
wrote Andrews.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3925
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Talladega
Nov 11 1878.

Miss Emerson

Enclosed you will find an order for eight dollars and fifty cents. which I believe covers the expenses that you were to for the Fancy Table. Many thanks for your kindness.

Mrs Andrews having gone to Kansas I have been obliged to fill her place at the Table hence my writing to you. The Fair was a great success. Many of the white men and a few of the white ladies

attended. It was opened with prayer and closed with the doxology.

Yours Resp-
May E Hickok

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3926
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Nov. 12-78

Dr. Strieby,
Dear Sir-

My reports for Sept. and Oct. have been unmailed for a week, so busy have I - and all of us - been that I had no time in which to write a letter.

I do not know just what receipts you want sent. Some sent in this report cover transactions not appearing in current expenses - do you want such?; or ought report to be comprehensive enough to include them?

In Oct. rept, I have aimed to give only current receipts and expenditures.

I do not feel like paying D. J. Smith until I ~~have~~ am so authorized by you; and since you have seen Mr. Rope I judge you can pronounce upon the justice of the claim. He is anxious for the money, but I have told him I could not settle without your consent.

I regret that Prof. Lord and I should have differed on the money question. I do not know what he wrote you or how strong he represented my "refusal!" The facts are as follows. From a remark or two of Mr. Lords, I inferred that he would come money, quite a sum; also that he wanted it as personal &c., by which I understood as what was due him from the Lud.

Dept. I thought to thus dispose of the bulk of that $500. recently rec'd would be contrary instructions, and consulted Dr. Andrews and Mr. Hickok, both of whom advised me to be very cautious about the matter. When Mr. L— broached the subject Sat., I told him I did not see how I could comply with his request, but I would telegraph; I did so, but it was Sat. p.m., the last day of grace, and so urgent was Mr. L. that I finally let him have $250. with this distinct understanding, that if it failed to meet approval at U.S. office he was to refund the money.

Sat. morning at place claims came he said he had already paid out of his own pocket $300 on Lustet when 9c's and thought it only

Geo. N. Ellis
Talladega
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justice that the money should now be returned, since it was in the treasury. Had he explained earlier, when he asked for the loan, I should not have hesitated to refund what he had advanced, and would not have consulted you, but he did not, and I did not feel justified in complying with his request.

I may have been over cautious in the matter and have subjected myself to criticism, but I acted solely with the view of keeping within my instructions, as I understand them, and not in any petty tyrannical spirit.

Very truly Yours,
Geo. N. Ellis

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal
Rev. C. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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Carpentering,
Printing,
Home Work.

Talladega Ala. Nov. 12 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:

The Southern Industrial Fair proved an unexpectedly great success. Gross attendance over 4000. A really excellent exhibition in all the departments. Several hundred whites in attendance. Gov. Parsons said that nothing had ever interested the white people in the colored people so much. Judge Thornton said he had never enjoyed anything in Talladega so much as the contests in music and scholarship Thursday night. A leading stock holder in the white fair, said he would willingly give $100 more if they could have as good order at their fair. The president of the white people's fair said he had never seen better system or more perfect arrange-

ment, white men the best in the place acted as judges in all the departments with colored men and women and seemed to feel honored. The pres. of our association, Mr. Wheeler and I have received complimentary tickets to the white people's fair. Perhaps these disconnected sentences convey a better idea of the success of the fair than any detailed description.

School has also opened very finely 60 in the family. All the rooms in Swayne Hall are full. Three young men are here who could probably earn their way by shoe making. If we could put up the store building we could very easily give them a place to work and also add some rooms for young men. I hope Mr. Knapp of Hartford will be answered as soon as possible, he has written me again and if it is best for us to have it I think this a good opportunity both to get the engine and to continue the

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Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

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House Work.

Talladega Ala. 1878.

interest that is evidently dead in Hartford. Miss Newcomb has not yet returned and my sister who was obliged to take her place while all the scholars were coming in during the fair and who was the only white lady to assist in the fair brides May Kickok is completely exhausted. It will be necessary for her to go away and take her vacation. Will the Assn meet her expenses to Mobile or to her aunts in Ky. and return?

Respectfully

Edward P. Lord.

E. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.

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Geo. N. Ellis
11-27-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3929
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Nov. 13-78

Dr. Strieby,
Dear Sir:-
Enclosed please find list of books wanted here. The Latin books I am very anxious for and if anytime can be gained by sending them separately and immediately please do so.

In haste,
Yours
G. N. Ellis.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3930
FISK UNIV.

Selma Ala. Nov. 13 '78

Rev. E. Roy D.D.

Dear Brother

We have arrived as you see, on the field. Got here last Sat. 1 P.M. having missed connections at Calera & so being obliged to spend Fri. night 62 miles from here. We left Ohio as we expected Thurs. morning 9.40. Seeing nothing of you we suppose you got off earlier. Mr. S. met us at the depot & we found a very warm welcome to his household where we shall probably stay a couple of weeks or until our freight arrives & we can find a suitable house.

Found them depending on us for preaching as their supply had gone the Tues. previous & so I rallied the harness at once & preached at 3 & 7 P.M. & led Bible class in the morning. I had very attentive

11-21-78
11-27-78

C. B. Curtis
Selma
Ala.

Hoping you have had a pleasant journey & are all well & happy in the prospect of great usefulness & success from the Seed sown

Yours C. B. Curtis

congregation and enjoyed the beginning of my work very much, anticipating much pleasure in its performance in the future. The S. Sch. is a very superior one in all its arrangements & rules. This stay of a few weeks with the teachers & principal will be invaluable to us, but of course it cannot be always & has its great inconveniences, living in one room with both the children & the baby keeping us awake so much nights as he caught cold & is very restless. But I find it will take more money to get my freight here & get started housekeeping than we had anticipated. Just our R.R. fare cost us $75. Freight will probably be $50 or 60 more besides board here & what furnishing of the house will be necessary, as we have shipped almost no furniture. Mr. S. thinks the A.M.A. will allow us to use the furniture in this room rent a buy as they may think best, which will help us out some, but I fear it will be impossible to get started on the money I have with me. (only $55. couldn't collect all the money due me in the Adv.) Perhaps the A.M.A. in this pinch would be willing to advance my first month's salary, it will be half worked out by the time I get it. I write you instead of direct as I have as yet had no communication with the N.Y. office. (wrote Dr. Strong before leaving his, but have had no reply yet & as you know the circumstances of my coming on such short notice better. Perhaps you might send on this with your endorsement if you think best. Am anxious to hear

from you — of your journey, & the field as it looks to you now. If only a postal card.

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.
Geo. N. Ellis A. B., Higher Normal Dep't.
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Carpentering,
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Talladega Ala. Nov. 15 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,
Dear Sir;

Miss Newcomb returned Tuesday, and we find great misunderstanding somewhere. She has appointed Miss Allen preceptress and Industrial teacher and told her that she must make all regulations and see to their being carried out, and also expects her to take charge of the industrial work. Miss Allen came here under instructions as Mr. Wheeler's assistant and has been teaching six hours per day for one week. Mr. Wheeler understands your promise to be that he should have an assistant in the Common School Normal and they both have their hands full. I was told when in N. Y. that we were to have the force in school that we have at present besides the Matron and Ind. school work. Not having been informed of

11-18-78 Rev. E. P. Lord
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any change from the office, I have told Miss Allen that I expect her to continue her classes until I hear from N. Y. as I could hardly believe the Assn intended to drop any part of the school proper without giving me any hint.
Still this leaves the family in a very unfortunate condition. Sixteen young women are here expecting to earn part or all of their board. We are keeping them and they have not been put to work yet. Miss Newcomb says that it is all she can do to see to the family, make purchases &c. Evidently more has been expected of her than she has expected to do.
I do not know whether a suggestion of mine will be acceptable but I will venture one. There is no one here to do the work of the Ind. School teacher. I suppose the government of the girls will have to go by default, but without an Industrial teacher these sixteen girls must be sent home sooner or later. If a good seamstress or tailoress could be found in the north one who

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who has had some experience in housekeeping but who can go to work and make a suit of clothes, I think she might fill the place with out any, or with very little, expense to the Akin. We hired a tailoress by the day, paying her $1.25 per day for a month nearly, last spring and found it profitable. If a good experienced woman could be sent here from the north who would go to work herself and earn wages while at the same time showing the girls how to sew I think it would be profitable. We do not want any more to sit down and oversee. We want a woman among the girls such as we hope Mr. Atkinson will find among the young men: one who will really earn their own wages by production while supervising the work of those young people working with them.

Yet if we are not to have means of selling what is produced it would not be profitable to send any one. In girls work there is less than in men work consumed by the college. $40 for month & bliss was all the profitable work that could be provided directly for the college, or enough for four or five girls. Enough sewing among the students might be found for two or three more. This amount would not pay for a teacher and without some one in charge most of this work could not be done. Mrs Andrews, Mrs. Hickok, Sister and I have taken these girls, using the best judgement we had. Probably two more have applied, but the question now is as to whether those already here shall remain. That can only be done by the ~~board~~'s board ing them or providing a way for them to be put to work. In the mean time they are on our hands and I fear becoming sadly demoralized. I entreat an early solution of the difficulty

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

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Dr. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

Please send me draft for $45 on my salary; also one of $25 to Cyrus Ellis Olivet, Eaton Co. Mich., and charge $70 to my personal a/c.

Recd the $125 for stu. aid — do you want me to report it from here in my monthly report?

I have made no loan for special purpose from general fund, as Mr Lord seems to have inferred.

School is settling down to work — I find a lack of system and order in the depts which I did not expect and which, in my own at least, I shall endeavor to remedy.

Am refusing my teaching, this so much to do keeps me busy.

Yours truly
Geo. N. Ellis.

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J. D. Smith
J. E. W. Andrews
11-21-78

Talladega Ala
Nov 18th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Shilby D.D.
Dear Bro.

Yours of Nov. 13th containing check on personal account of $50 also copy of letter sent to J. D. Smith Shelby Iron Works is rec'd — thanks for the check.

I enclose to you a letter from J. D. Smith now that he has decided to go to Shelby that may be a more full expression of his views & feelings than he has written you. — Every thing at Shelby is as sweet as a rose, & I confess to some anxiety as to the influence Mr Smith may exert there.

You say in your letter to me "I can see that Mr Smith has some erroneous views as to the supply of the churches, the relation of the a. m. a. to these churches

as long as ~~long as~~ the expense is met from its treasury, & also of the relative value of the services of himself & fellow students to that of the best white ministers from the North in command of salary!"

It is scarcely possible for me to believe that Mr Smith is seriously in error on any of the points named in this resolution unless of the last. It is quite possible that he attaches too high a value to his services; his tendencies as do those of most colored people lead in that direction. Standing at the head of his class here as a student, & having no first class minds with which to compare himself this tendency of self sufficiency has doubtless grown on him while here as a student, I think it will be toned down after a year or two of experience. — As to the other two points named I will say that Mr Smith has been a member for years an active member of our church here — especially

in its annual ch. meeting there the matter of electing the pastor sent by the a.m.a. has come of almost annually & been well ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ understood by all our people, he has also attended three of our State Conferences & though these become quite familiar with the relation of our ch.s to the a.m.a. beside all the instruction he has had from me on the same matter. — I must believe Mr Smith is quite well informed as to the relation of the pastors to the a.m.a. & of the a.m.a. to the ch.s — His trouble lies somewhere else — I don't just know where. He seems to have deployed himself on the wrong side of things because of some dissatisfaction, — Unless his mind is somehow swerved I fear for the result. Our "dear lambs" at Shelby need a tender & wise shepherd. Mr Smith has no right to go there & sow his feeling of discord among them. The "Iron Co" is very strict & in full accord with the a.m.a. Would it not be well for you to write to Col. J. F. Black the Sup. to

give him some understanding of our views & the best way to guard against their religious views. The Co. want a man (1) to do good preaching (2) good S. S. work (3) to look after the sick & poor & to do point work in its fullest extent — (4) & to shape & control the morals of the colored people in their employ — It is a glorious Christian uplifting the Co. seeks for the colored people — & no man can do this work who feels as Mr Smart now feels. —

I don't think Mr S. is a bad man, only he has just run from some course got on the off side of things & needs a little steady fatherly handling — We have done about all we can for him, & can but hope that he will prove a good & useful man. —

I wonder if Mr Hobbard received a letter from me asking for some little favors.

Yours truly.

G. W. Andrews.

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E. P. Newcomb
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Talledega Nov 18 1878

My Dear Miss Emerson

Yours of Nov 1 is duly received - and would have received an earlier reply - had I known what to say - Miss Allen & Miss Hersian were both put into School six hours a day - Mr Lord said they were sent to him as teachers - you may possibly imagine my surprise & — (you may supply the other word) I demanded her time - he said she could not be spared - disappointment and over work made me very ill for a few days - loosing my voice entirely for two days (no cold, nervous prostration) - today I am just able to creep around - can speak in a whisper - will be better in a few days

I have had no unkind words with Mr L — only said to him that I should not try to give the girls work — except the regular housework & family washing sheets towels &c — that was more than I was able to do — that work does not occupy time enough to pay for their board It seems to me that it is but little use for a girl to attempt to do much in school and at the same time work five hours a day & eight on Saturday —

Now that a new teacher is coming Mr L says Miss Allen will be somewhat relieved. It does seem to me that six teachers ought to take very good care of about a hundred and twenty scholars (I don't know just how many there are —)

We have now a family of 76 — a good many mouths to provide for three times a day — but I do it & do it well — give them plenty of plain good well cooked & seasoned — there are no complaints that reach me as to quantity or quality — we

all eat together, teachers distributed where they will do the most good - two at each table in L - on one side & 2 on the opposite side of the dining room - commanding a view of the whole room - our bill of fare is something like this - Mum's - a kind of hash without potatoes in it - a sliced meat with gravy - potatoes (sweet) corn & wheat bread - coffee with a nice quality of chicory I brought with me - using just one half the quantity of coffee - and making a much better coffee - all like - it is cheaper than to give cold drink - dinner a very rich soup made from boiling all the bones from roasts &c - (when we have that kind of soup very little else is wanted all like it) potatoes bread - sometimes rice - pudding thursdays cake for supper - & pie for dinner on sundays - supper we have tea for teachers - milk for students when we can - two kinds of bread for all - fruit for teachers - syrup for students almost every night we have honey

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which they all relish — it's Cheap — 3ct per pound, all have butter for supper — do you see the line very plain but well — I forget to mention pork & peas semi occasionally — I wish we could strike a well of buttermilk some where — we have one boy here who had the yellow fever — he is down now with Chills =

I have called in the washing of the house which has been put out & paid for heretofore and have done some sewing, making aprons sheets towels, & some mending, & have got the house in good order — it's clean as a pin — and the machinery works smoothly without much noise — not anything is wasted — I compel them to eat, not waste food at the plates — & we change our table cloths once a week — here to fore twice, & they are scarcely soiled then — I have large napkins for the carving dishes, thus saving wear & expense of washing — I buy all supplies myself — thus saving a good percentage

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there being no stoves in the rooms
it is very difficult to keep order
Miss Herman has care of the second
floor — does well — although I think
she could have done better — where she
could have felt more like cooperating
with the Principal — she seems to feel crushed
I observed it at a glance — after a week I sought
an explanation which was very reluctantly
given — from what I had heard & seen I
could come very near to the true tale of
the case — I like her — but she is not so
strong a character as is needed in an
institution of this kind — neither is Miss
Allen — Miss Sawyer is wholly inexpe-
rienced — so while our force is good
it is too weak — pardon this plain
talk — I say it in the kindest spirit
I've not a kind of fault, all do their
utmost of their ability — and I

have the hearty cooperation of all - Miss Lad is away for a few weeks - If Mrs Parsons had been called to spend the limited month or board out of the house - it would have added to my happiness - She is the mothein-law of the establishment - I would like to be omnipresent - but I get along with her pleasantly - by being firm =

Since writing the above I have been compelled to take my hair brush to a young girl who has been refractory for some days - I can hardly write - it did not steady my nerves in the least - the case was an extreme one - remedy speedily & effectually applied - some one must rule - & it will not be the girls in this house - Mr Lad & the teachers sustain me fully - I don't think I'll have to resort to such measures

again — I had tried every thing else in my power —

You may please send me a check for my salary — I came Oct 20 I had to stop over at one place twenty four hours — at another five — another over night on account delays in trains — running but once a day thro the green districts — then from Calera train that runs but once a day — has delayed again on Oct of broken bridge — So I spent all the money you sent & more — but will make no acct of that I paid out of my own pocket — will send you items if you wish —

Please do not make my letters public else I will not feel free to say what I would like to — Mr Andrus is quite ill — his wife is away on a visit to Kansas — very hastily Yours

E P Newcomb

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I mention these things that you may have an idea of how we live — & what we are doing —

Mr Lord said he was going to write you in regard to Miss Allen whom I chose as my assistant — I do not understand why he ~~did~~ took the course he did — it was no use for me to contend with him — Mr Ellis a great deal more than fills Mr Kirkoc place — by the way he is a jewel — the real backbone of the Inst — I see very little of him — more than of the others however but his influence is felt everywhere — he guards his tongue as well as his actions — Miss Allen takes right hold in earnest — and shows true grit in her work — all she does now is to charge of the third floor — out of school hours — the most difficult part of the house to control

M. F. Wells
athens.
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Freedmen's School Athens Ala Nov 18 78

Rev Wm E. Strong
Sec'y AMA

Dear Brother

Letters received from Athens last week, informed me of the cessation of Bullies fence, return of refugees and resumption of business. I arrived here on Saturday. Food broke and the people all well. Open school today. Miss Lindsley will be here in a day or two. I will write in a few days and hope for a favorable answer. It is in a fearful condition. Something must be

done. The Rock floors are
unsafe –

The Drain comes
M. D. Wells

Horace Taylor
Athens
Ala
11-16-78
11-29-78

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Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama.
Nov. 13th 1878.

Rev M. E. Strieby D. D.,

Dear Sir,

Mrs. T. & the children arrived safely Wednesday; my boy was very sick with bilious fever, taken last Thursday night. He is better now, up & around. Their expenses going were as I reported; returning the expenses were less, only $13.25, owing to Mrs. T. not being required to get half ticket anywhere for Seymour. Can you please send me check for $43.25, being Mrs T's trav. exp. back, & $30.00 of my allowance.

I think that one letter & two cards I sent Miss Wells failed to reach her; one because she did not go to Villenovia, as she expected to. I wrote each time that it would be safe to come at once.

Yours truly.

Horace J. Taylor.

D. L. Hickok
Mobile. Ala.
11-26-78
12-4-78

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Mobile Nov. 21st 1878

Bro. Storey
Enclosed please find report for October -
We kept house till the 24 of October then went to the hall to board Mr. Lord will send you the bill for the board
There were two or three small bills that were not paid till after Nov. 1st hence do not occur in October's report. I report only bills actually paid in October -
Return the report when deficient & I will supply

on the form & manner of it.

We find the house very much in need of repair. I understand through Mr Stephenson that there is an appropriation to make some repairs - How is this? There is some painting white washing & plastering of broken walls that need to be done immediately, before we can use the rooms - This I take the liberty to do - & for more extended repairs wait to hear from you -

I understand seats & desks for school building are ordered - When shall we expect them -?

School opened this week on Wednesday -

Yours
Truly D S Hickok

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Talladega Ala. Nov 22 1878. —

My Dear Miss Emerson

I have but a moment to write this morning for instructions — Miss Lord & Mr Wheeler own a horse & $50 in a buggy the other $50, so the buggy cost was paid for by the Industrial Department — the horse Mr L says is kept by the Association & paid by use on the farm — (I do not see it used on the farm) I need to go down town every Thursday to make purchases — I am just from a sick bed & it pours rain this morning — will be muddy so that I could not walk through this terrible clay for some days to come — I cannot be sent down in the buggy — as a right or even courtesy — or common decency — without begging, last week I walked — today Mr L said perhaps Mr Wheeler could take me after school — "he offered never went" — Mrs Parsons chimed in Mrs Parsons if I had going to make the purchases I would need more help — I replied I could make all my purchases in less than two hours — &

& I did not suppose the association expected I was not to step my foot out of doors even on Sunday nor <u>once</u> a week — if they <u>did</u> they were mistaken Miss Ford goes away days & half days very often — have I any <u>right</u> to command the Theological house when it is not in use — I will not ask or receive what is not my <u>right</u>

Mr Andrews is very ill — has been for some days —

Am I obliged to have Mrs Parsons in the Institution?

I am tired of Miss Alfred did <u>so</u>" — Miss Ford did "so" and <u>I</u> think so —

I have not exploded yet — but it will not "felicitous" if I am subjected to <u>unnecessarily</u> high pressure —

Do please answer my interrogatories very soon — And oblige

E. P. Newcomb

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Talladega Ala. Nov 23 1878.

My Dear Miss Emerson

I wrote you yesterday - and may write you twice tomorrow - Mr Andrews is much better to-day -, there is a small house near by - on the farm Mr L has rented, two students room there - Mrs Parsons says she thinks some - that a colored woman might live there - and she & Miss Lord make that their home - something must be done or I shall die - soon too -

Now if I can help to set them up - by loaning - such things as bedstead bedding &c - stove - I think I can make it to her interest to go - otherwise it does seem to me that I shall have to complain - & ask her to "move on" if I have a right to - She is in the kitchen most some - girls some - "toting beggars" - stove some laundry every where - every where - & I suppose v put to Mr L - I dont care for v parts - I write investigation - but not by her - voluntary & ex parte -

Can I loan her - (no dishes or linen) things? Please tell me soon - I have too many cares to be annoyed by her - I would not bear from my own mother

that I have done from her — & I do not feel it my duty now to take the time & strength I owe to my work to attend to her whims — and in indorsing what she does — in that this is no place for a family — and I know "something will happen" unless a voluntary change is made & that very soon

Yours Troublesomely"

Newcomb

E. P. Newcomb.
Talladega
Ala.

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E. C. Silsby, Principal.

Selma, Ala., Nov. 25 1878

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Rev. M. E. Strieby
56 Reade St.
New York.

Dear Bro.- One of the A. M. A. carpets and furniture for one room are not needed by us, as the ministers family will keep house and not board. What shall be done with it? Shall I turn it over to Mr. Curtis or is it the intention that he furnish his house at his own expense and not with A. M. A. property. If he is, I shall either keep it in the house or send it to any point you may determine upon.

Very truly,
E. C. Silsby.

E. C. Silsby
Selma
Ala.

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Wm H. Ash.
11-29-78 Florence
12-19-78 Ala.

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Florence Ala.
Nov. 26th 1878

Rev. M. E. Strieby

Dear Sir:

I have been trying to get an idea what our chapel will cost us and just now after some anxiety I am able to give you some intelligence if not correct it is not far out of the way. The organ has added much to our service, many come in out of curiosity to hear my wife play for it is a new thing for the people of Florence. Some of the white citizens

of the better class hearing that my wife performed upon the organ, came in voluntarily and asked her to play and sing for them. After hearing her they expressed themselves highly pleased and wishing us many souls for the higher.

May God use this as a means with others in the breaking down of prejudice.

I have organized a school since the fever is over and at first had three scholars but now thirteen with good hope of increasing soon. The spiritual interest of the

church is good all of our services being well attended.
Pray for us

Yours in Christ
William H. Ash

P.S.
I think it is possible to get about ($100) some part of it being work and the other money.
The members that are here now are very poor but they are willing to do what they can.

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8 " " 6 X 6 - 16 " " 384
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Sheeting 6 inches wide 1000
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D. J. Smith 11-26-78

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

D. J. Smith
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Send bill to me with items specified and explanations.

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Talladega Ala. Nov. 27 1878.

Dr Strieby,

Dear Sir –

The return of all of my reports by Monday's mail was somewhat of a surprise to me. I regret that they were so unsatisfactory and useless to you; I have tried to alter them – if still wrong please return them and I will make another attempt. I have spent almost the entire night since faculty meeting upon them, yet the 8th one is not quite ready, nor will I now have time to touch before morning. I am very busy all day – in school rooms five and a half hours per day; this with preparation of lessons and book-keeping duties press me hard at times. How long I can stand the strain, cannot say, but will work while and all I can.

There are a good many things I might write about, some that I feel that I must address you in regard to, but I have been and am too

busy to do so now.

Certain things here pain me deeply and do not tend to add enthusiasm.

Mr. Lord stated to-night in Faculty meeting that he had written to you stating that if a part of the Industrial girls have to leave school for lack of work to support them the Treasurer must inform them of the necessity of their departure; while I trust none will leave school, if they do, I cannot see how I am the proper one to broach the matter to them, or how the Principal could shift that matter to one who is merely a teacher.

By writing at earliest convenience if whether or no the reports suit, and answering the paragraph above, you will confer a great favor upon, as ever,

Yours most Respectfully,
Geo. W. Ellis.

Geo. W. Ellis
11-29-78
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Recd draft, $45 - thanks.
When will books come?

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Talladega Ala, Nov, 27th 1878.

Dr, Strieby

I received your answer and was glad to hear from you although I did not think that I would have to give further explanation as I have fully explained the matter to Mr Ellis But I am willing to comply with all wishes that will help settle our trouble in a right way. In the first place I received from Mr Pope a letter asking me would I come to Talladega and help him in his work, also stating what I would have to do. I answered him yes I would come if he would give me forty Dollars and board. he replied that he could not give forty Dollars and board, but that he would give thirty Dollars and board. I accepted it. And arrived here last February one year ago and commenced business the day that I arrived. And for four months he paid me according to contract thirty Dollars and board, At that time my family came here, I then had partly contracted to get a house for them, I goes up and tells Mr Pope about it. he asked what I would have to pay for the house, I told him I could get it for six or seven Dollars per month

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His reply to me was Bro, Smith as you have been paying such high rents in Selma, you had better let me do your renting for you. rent is cheaper heas than there, as he understood the place better than I, of course I thanked him kindly and give him privelige of attending to my renting, And said he would go with me next morning and see Mr Bingam, the man who I rented from and he went. while we were on the way he says to me suppose you let the rent go in as your board, I told him very well, we made a contract with Mr Bingam to pay him at rates of five Dollars and a half per month, my board was ten Dollars per month and his paying five Dollars and a half per month for rent, left me a difference of four and a half Dollars per month, at that time I was in Mr Pope's debt and didnt draw any full settlement but just enough to get rations for my family. Mr Pope was taken away from here suddenly, we had no chance to settle He only told me that Pro Lord wished me still to work for him. Mr Lord came and asked me what Mr Pope was giving me, I told him thirty and board was the contract, but he was only giving me thirty Dollars and five and one half Dollars for rent, and was owing four and one half Dollars for each month that I had been here. Mr Lord remarked to me that he was about to make

a contract to rent some land that was near the college with a nice house on it and that he would like for me to occupy that as it would be a save to the association. I told him that Mr Pope had contracted to rent the house for twelve month, but that the man had not improved the place as contracted. I goes to see the man next day and he said that he hadn't come to contract. I then told him that I was going to move to another house which was rented by the association. I then made a sacrifice of a nice garden and lost no less than ten or twelve Dollar by digging my produce to early. Mr Lord told that this house was more worth ten Dollars than the one I was living in was worth five and one half. but after going there and living in the house. I found that it was not, although a much finer house there was only one room out of five that was secure from rain Mr Lord never told me then what he was charging me for the house. I didnt know until may ~~Dec~~ that I was paying ten Dollars per month for rent And then when settlement we got in a tangle and I asked him what was he charging me for rent, he told me he charged me only six Dollars as the house was so much in need of repair. I then told him that he due me for each month that I had lived there four Dollars per month; I was then that Mr Lord told me that he was hiring me for what Mr Pope hired me for thirty Dollars and rent I told him that I was not hired for that, but for thirty Dollars and board and that my board was worth ten per month, I asked him could he board me for five or six Dollars per month and he said he could not. ~~Then~~ Mr Lord told me that he would not pay that back money But that I would have to get it through the association or by law. I then told him that I had a written contract and that I had complied with it but that he had not. if he expected a five or six Dollar house rent to be as much a a ten Dollar board. if he did I consider it as robbering me out of four or five per month. I have boarded my self for fourteen month and I am very certain that my board has not cost under ten dollar. Now Dr Shreby look at the thing justly and see wheather five Dollars will board me or not. It might give rations, but who is to prepare it. for my whole time was devoted to the work of the association it was a very rare thing for me to spend twenty minutes at any dinner. I never spent any time to cut my self a stick of wood all of my work at home such as cutting wood tending garden I hired the students of the college to do because I didnt have my own time to do it in and I didnt think it just for me to take the associations time to do it in, neither do I think it right for them to give me five or six dollars rent instead of the worth of my board

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Mr Pope asked me to let him rent so that it would make it cheaper for me, would it not have been better for me to have paid the man 18 or seven Dollars for the rent my self and deman ten dollars for board from the association. I think it would, for we then would have had an understanding, and as there has been a misunderstanding I have nothing to fall back to but the first and only contract. I always thought that the over plus was due me and that I would get it. I wish you would consider the thing well think of my needs of my five children who I am not able to send to School, I would have been at the hall now if Pro Lord had not tried to hold that he wouldnt give me more than thirty dollars and rent. I didn contract for that and wouldnt work for that I hope you will settle this. As Mr Lord offerd me forty Dollars yesterday to work for him one month, but I told him I could not as I felt that I had not been treated right I hope you will settle it soon for I am very much in need. And I do not wish to have any thing to do with him. for three months I claim that you due me ~~four~~ 4 Dollars and half per month, for Eleven month and ten days you due me $4.00 per month, making the total $57.60 without intres. I claim no intres but ought to have it. Yours truely

D. J. Smith

Dudley J. Smith
Talladega
Ala.

11-30-78
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G. C. Carpenter

11-29-78
12-7-78

Simpson Centenary College.

Fall Term begins First Wednesday in Sept:
Winter Term begins Second Wednesday in Dec:
Spring Term begins Third Wednesday in March:

FOR PARTICULARS ADDRESS
Pres't, A. BURNS.

Talladega Ala.
~~Indianola, Iowa,~~ Nov. 27, 1878

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Rev. M. E. Strieby,
Dear Sir:

You ~~see~~ I am in the field. I left home two days after receiving your second letter, telling me of this place. I find myself very cordially received by Mr. Lord and the other teachers, and trust I shall be of good service to them and the cause, and improve my health. The weather is very unpleasant so far, and I am afraid it will prove rather severe for me. I hope, however, for the best. I enclose, as you directed, an account of my traveling expenses. I was 6 days on the way, but where I stopped over unnecessarily, of course I do not charge you with the cost. This is only the necessary expense of a continuous trip. Yours respectfully

G. C. Carpenter

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Traveling expenses from Indianola Iowa to Talladega Ala. Nov. 20 to Nov. 24, 1878

R.R. fare Indianola to Keokuk	$ 6.40
" " Keokuk to St. Louis	4.50
" " St. Louis to Calera Ala.	24.75
" " Calera to Talladega	2.35
Meals, and lodging where I had to stop over waiting for trains	7.00
Sleeping Cars two nights	3.50
Baggage transfers	1.80
Total	50.30

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G. W. Carpenter

I could not buy a through ticket to Montgomery or Selma by way of Talladega without paying more than I did.

G W C

Jane S. Hardy

12-5-78
12-14-78 Personal

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Swayne School,
Montgomery, Ala
Nov. 28. 1878,

Miss Emerson
My Dear Friend,
After a long silence, as it seems to me I again commence a letter to you. Haven't I given you a long rest from my letters? And will you not be glad to hear from me now?

Please come in to my room, and we will have a talk. My room is on the sunny side of the house, and between the front room and the back one, I was first put in to the one just on the opposite side of the hall. but though Mrs. Mc. Pherson's very kind thought-

fulness I was soon established in ~~my~~ the room I now occupy — She said I needed a sunny and warm room, and used her influence with Miss Adams to get me to change.

Mrs. Mc-Pherson has been very kind and good to me. I feel that I have in her a very warm friend. I was sorry to have them go away. They left last eve. to go to K. C.

Your sister stopped here one night and till 4, P.M. the next day. I was glad to meet her, It was not the same exactly as seeing you, but she resembles you, and reminded me of you.

This is Thanksgiving day: Have you not had a little rest from your labors today?

We have had no school.

Miss Adams and I went at 11 o'clk. to attend church services at one of the white churches - When a very large congregation gathered, The church was beautifully decorated, and the services were very interesting, Miss Mary left us and went to an Episcopal Church.

Dr. Bascom, who, by the way, arrived with his wife, last night at midnight, went, attended by two of our congregational brethren to the colored Baptist Church

At 2 o'clk. we had dinner and a good one it was. turkey, pies, pudding &c, This eve as you perceive I am trying to write a little.

I find very little time for writing, or rather I find very little strength for writing after doing my work in school. I am not quite as well as I ought to be for all that I wish to.

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Now I must tell you all about it. for I am feeling somewhat troubled and uneasy over some things.

When I came here Miss A— said to me plainly, that she expected me to help her in the school, and in the Home and I responded by showing her in every way that I could that I was willing to do all that I could.

I went into school and found my class to consist of 52 (this month) noisy, restless and at first disorderly pupils.

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And to bring these under discipline and into good order, of course made no little work for me.

Miss A. has a class of twenty three pupils, fifteen or twenty present on an average perhaps. The most advanced class in their studies.

Well, I said to Miss Adams at the end of the first day, second day, and so on What shall I do I'm way of helping you, and she would say to morrow, I think we will have the doors open between our rooms and I will leave my class in your care while I visit other rooms. and I said, very well.

But her plan would be

changed the next morn, and she would say wait till to morrow. And again the next day, "wait till tomorrow" and so it has gone on. She has not left her class in my care at all. I ceased speaking about it because I thought I had paid enough. She ~~would~~ has finally ~~leave~~ left her room for a little while every day in care of a monitor from her own class. My hands have been full in taking care of my own class, and (Miss Emerson, let me just say this to you, excuse me, and please don't tell that I say it-) I think it is the truth there is not a teacher in our school who is working harder

than I am. And yet, Miss Adams, being feeble in health feels that she has too much on her hands, and I fear feels disappointed in my not helping her more. This is what troubles me, and I don't see how I can help it.

There are ways in which I think I have helped Miss A— although I have not left my class and gone to her room to take charge of her school or to hear her recitations. I did not see how I could do this, and I think she has not seen how I could. but because I haven't it seems to me that she does not recognize me as helping her at all. And it troubles me

Well— here is how I have helped her. I have managed

all my disorderly pupils my self, sending none to her, as the other teachers do.

I found that she ~~was~~ is not in the habit of using the rod any more than I am, and I soon determined on a plan which I thought would be a help in governing my school. I organized a "Roll of Honor" and made the conditions for enlisting in this Roll such as stimulated the pupils very much to good behavior. I found it a great help to me, and then I told Miss A— what I was doing, and she replied, "I think I will have one too". And she not only adopted the plan herself, but suggested it to the other teachers, who also adopted ~~the~~ it.

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It has proved very successful, and we now have meetings once a fortnight of the members of the "Roll of Honor" from the different schools in our building ~~then~~ the exercises consisting of reports from each teacher, readings, declamations, recitations or something of the kind by the pupils. Think in all there are about fifty names belonging to the Roll or "Band of Co-workers" as we often call them.

The planning and arranging for these meetings comes upon me. I offered to do it thinking it would relieve Miss A—.

Again, after I had been in school several weeks I planned for a Bible Lesson to accompy

one hour in school some day in each week. I told Miss Adams my plan, and she said it was a good one, and advised me to adopt it and she would do the same. And it is now being carried out to the satisfaction and I hope profit of both teachers and pupils.

A week ago I told Miss Adams that I thought we might have a prayer meeting among our pupils on Friday just before the Bible Lesson and I asked her what she thought. She said she had thought about it and wished it might be done. I then told her my plan, and she said she would think about it which she did for several days when

She said, we will make a beginning on Fri. We did make a beginning yesterday, and with success sufficient to encourage us to go on, and appoint one for next week.

Again, I found after entering the school that fighting among the pupils on the playground was very common last year, and it was feared this year, And Miss Adams said to me what shall we do to prevent this fighting. I told that I believed that expulsion from school would break it up. The evil was a great one, and I thought severe measures were needed to check it. In a few days after a fight occurred at noon-time between two boys

The offenders were reported to Miss Adams, and she promptly expelled them from school. This was a great blow upon the friends of the boys. Their mothers came and begged and begged for their restoration to school. but I encouraged Miss A— to remain firm, She said she was glad to have me encourage her— The result is that we have had no fighting since.

Now haven't I helped a little by plans and suggestions— I do not like to be writing of what I have done, yet I want you to know just how things are.

I want to write more, but will send this now— and write more soon— in a day or two.

Yours with love L. S. Hardy

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Rev. J. D. Smith
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12-18-78

Shelby Iron Works Ala.
Nov. 28th 1878

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.:
56 Reade St N. Y.

~~Rev'd Dear Sir:-~~

Your telegram sent to me at Macon was duly received; but I could not leave that work as you ordered. The church understood, from Mr. ~~Lathrop~~ Illey, that he was undecided about coming to Macon; and as the State Conference was to meet there on the 12th Dec., the brethren prevailed with me to stay with them until the regular pastor came or till after Conference at least, to assist them in making ready for the reception of the brethren. As I had not decided to go to Shelby until I heard from you again, I concluded to remain there till you should answer my letter. When you wrote me in Savannah concerning work you said, "We may wish to communicate with you further regarding this" - Shelby - "or some

other field, but at present the work is in such a state that we can not give position encouragement of any field." Therefore I was some what at a loss about getting anything to do. When I got to Atlanta on my way home, Bro. Ashley, understanding that I had not been assigned to any field yet, asked me to go to Macon, and supply the pulpit there till the regular pastor came, or till I should be called to some other place. He also instructed me to make out bill for services & send it to you and that you would make it good with me. I am sorry that you think my stay there was unnecessary - save one Sabbath only. If you will ask the Church, the Sunday School, and the teachers about it, I am of the opinion that they will testify differently

I should think you my services were needed in Macon according to agreement with Bro. Ashley. Please send twenty dollars ($20) to Miss. E. A. Gilbert, out of the same, for I borrowed that amount of her while in Macon. Please instruct her as to whether she shall settle my board bill or not as she desires to know. If you allow

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me the same you did at Savannah, there will be few dollars remaining which you may send to me without delay, if you please for I am greatly embarrassed for money just now. I have almost nothing with which to commence keeping house. I am at a loss what to do. I can not afford to board out at so small a salary, as I had planned to let my wife remain in School, and can not commence keeping house for want of the necessary equipments. Can you advise or assist me in this matter.

I arrived last Thursday night and found the people looking for me. They seem willing to go forward in the work and to do all they can. I also found your letter and was much disappointed in its contents, and yet fail to see why a man's birth place should be should be taken so largely into account. It is true that my experience is small, but, "living in the South" makes it all the better. If you will ask the Churches, in Montgomery, Mobile, Savannah, and Macon what they think of me as compared with

with the general experience, you will perhaps get a more correct idea of a man born and raised in the South.

The outlook here is very favorable for good work in this little mission. The Church building is a very good one but it needs to be plastered and a number of things to make it comfortable for worshiping in during winter season. Further more the Baptist and Methodist denominations claim a right to worship in the house also as they help to erect it. I fear some denominations in one house will not work well. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Roy, in Macon, and heard him preach I like him very much indeed and shall be happy to see him here at any time.

By having to go by way of Macon from Atlanta, it cost me more by $8.55/100 than would have cost had I gone on. I had a through ticket which I sold at Atlanta, and got local tickets the rest of the way which made the great difference.

Your most obedient servant J. D. Smith

Warren E. Wheeler

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Talladega Nov. 29. 1898

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir,-

I would not willingly add to the many burdens you must have to carry but for the good of our work,- I am sure I often think of the perplexities you must have and try not to look simply on one side. We hoped and expected that we should have an industrial teacher for our girls this year. I am sure that if I had not supposed that either the matron would take charge of the work or we should have a teacher, I should have written for an industrial teacher in the place of an assistant for myself for I think we need a teacher in that dep't more than I need an assistant. I would have given up the idea of an assistant gladly if that could have been done, now I have been forced by circumstances to give my assistant under very discouraging circumstances.

We saw that if the girls industrial survived the year we must have a teacher and so Miss. Allen

was relieved from school work yesterday.

Though Miss. Allen is a fine teacher and just the one for my assistant I greatly fear she will not be the one for the position of Industrial teacher, it needs a stronger person and one well acquainted with all kinds of housework or woman's work.

I have three hours assistance from Miss. Sawyer and Miss. Lord together but am confident that I can't do the work that I greatly hoped to do.

My department is as full or fuller than it was a year ago now notwithstanding drawback of yellow fever and late beginning. I feel sure that if I could have had Miss. Allen's entire help I could have given you a gratifying report at the end of the year. Still I would not have you think that I am discouraged or that I shall not do even more than I did last year if such a thing is possible. My health has been almost perfect since here but my strength is decreasing somewhat I fear. My interest in the work is increasing and personally I feel encouraged (if I may judge) by greater respect and regard for me on the part the students in all the grades, not that I was ever treated otherwise.

I feel proud of many of my classes especially now

when I see how well they have remembered drill of last year. I consider some of my classes equal in point of ability and thoroughness to some Northern classes that have been under my instruction.

Am doubly convinced of the need of our Industrial dep't. I find, especially among the young men that they are the ones who have made the the greatest advancements during the last year.

Our most earnest Christians are among the industries.

Many of the fathers and mothers favor the boys but what will these boys' homes be in the future if some one does not take interest in the girls! I do hope and pray that the friends at the north will come to the help of Indust. dep't. by furnishing a teacher. Could write much more but time is a scarce article here.

I shall not be offended if you do not but shall be very thankful if you will send me $2.00, making an overdraft on my wages again.

Yours very truly,

Warren E. Wheeler.

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Sarah E. Brown.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Montgomery Ala
Nov 29. 1878

Mr Ewalt

Dear Sir

I would like to have the amount of my travelling expenses ($3.35) sent to

Mr Thomas A Brown
Penfield Monroe Co
Ga.

as soon as it is convenient for you to do so.

Yours Respectfully
Sarah E. Brown

Peter J. McIntosh
Anniston
Ala.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Anniston Ala
Nov 30th 1878

Rev. M. E. Strieby
New York

Dear Bro.

My work is in a prosperous condition, We have no marks of special interest at present. I feel that my greatest struggle will be to hold the fort till Christmas holidays are over. My people are peculiar in that they think Christmas must be spent in a riotous way drinking, fighting, & dancing &c.

I commenced school

the 1st of Oct.
but the number of
scholars was so small
that I deemed it unnec-
essary to send a report
for that month.

Enclosed please
find the report for
November.

Please forward my
Salary for Nov. $25.00

Yours in Christian
love Peter J. McEwlow

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

Geo. N. Ellis A. B., Higher Normal Dep't.
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Agriculture,
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Printing.
House Work.

Talladega Ala. Nov. 30 1878.

12-3-78 Geo. N. Ellis Talladega Ala.
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Dr. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

I again send my Oct. report; I have tried to arrange things - i.e. receipts - in a more intelligible manner.

One thing perplexes me - to give just the right amount paid for board for any one month. For example; - a student deposits $35.00, or say $36 25/100 for board and tuition for 5 months - I credit him on book to that amount and monthly charge him for board and tuition $11.25; now I can equalize matters by reporting each month, board $10.00 - tuition $1.25, but this will take an expense of time I can ill afford to spare from other duties. I wish to know what objection there would be to reporting the whole amount when paid in.

The extra time taken to rearrange my

former reports was, I fear, thrown the one for Nov. somewhat behind, for this work was set apart for preparing that ~~purpose~~.

I am enjoying my teaching very much and had I nothing else I should feel better satisfied with my work in this direction. I feel an imperative need of raising the standard of my department, and, indeed, of the whole school; this we must do if we retain our present standing even, to say nothing of being the leading Institution of learning in the State. It is not so much quantum as qualitas that we need. The best indices of a college and its best advertisement are its own graduates; and our aim should be to turn out such men and women that their very influence will bring to our halls all we can accommodate.

I am proud of my Latin class; they certainly are doing finely.

I enjoy very much the religious atmosphere here; may God give me strength and grace to wield my influence aright is the prayer of

Yours in Christ, Geo. W. Ellis.

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Rev. G. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.

Geo. N. Ellis A. B., Higher Normal Dep't.
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House Work.

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12-5-78

E. P. Newcomb

Talladega Ala. Jan 31 1878.

My Dear Miss Emerson -

Your soothing letter came to hand just in the nick of time. My God has looked with Prof Ellis in regard to allowance on board for Miss S. and decided to allow her $2.00 per week - It is when he charges the Students for board together, our food does not cost five cents a month less than that of the Students. They have Meat Syrup - honey & butter for supper - we have morning butter they pay for Carmel fruit & tea - when we have it they have milk - the cows have been neglected so that for a while we have had very little milk - I wanted not have asked for more than ten cents month - This Friday - while Miss Emerson was away Dinner during the Mrs P. had maidenly offered to the farm house - on Miss S's return she had not been in my room at all to step - Monday morning any of the family had intimated that they were going - until yesterday Mr S said they were going that morning - inquiries for dinner in progress but I did not see it - now the Mr were going to take the furniture - I conferred with Prof Ellis - who went to Mr S - to inform him that he thought I deserved at least a consultation - then there was called a faculty meeting right after dinner when I was at the table frying

dinner for three sick girls – the question of allowance for board was not referred to except as settled – & the furniture he thought Miss L entitled to if she stayed in the house – I thought she was not entitled to the only room suitable for a sitting room while & the teachers had no place to see each other – & that furnished for them with the only parlor stove & carpet in the house suitable for a sitting room – he said if they stayed they should occupy that room – I said as Mr Lane knew no fears to relating – was the teachers must have a sitting room – I had planned to give Mrs P & Miss L other rooms – he kept quiet for a minute & said he thought they would remain in that room if they stayed – the other said not understand that Miss L occupied a single room with cot bedstead & bureau without carpet & my room (the parlor) has no carpet – neither had Miss Allen – nor Ellis a whole – we have a small room fitted up for a sitting room when Miss Herman & I came I had then taken no charge of the rooms – then – Miss L had a bed put in that sitting room – when there was a vacant room (the one Miss L had occupied when she first came) – when I could investigate & get the rooms – I inquired "why" – I found that they were keeping that for Mother "if she stayed" – then I let things rest until it was decided whether she remained or not – I objected to their removing any furniture – but need every portable & much more – I told them I should write to N.Y. for furniture for that sitting room – I told them my instructions to me were explicit – but they could not vote me, I voted no – Prof Ellis said he could not vote yes & did not vote at all – he thought my course was right

Rev. Edward P. Lord A. M., Principal.
Rev. C. W. Andrews A. M., Theo. Dep't.
Geo. N. Ellis A. B., Higher Normal Dep't.
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Printing,
House Work.

Talladega Ala. ..... *1878.*

I asked for time - thinking then that I might get time to explain to the new members of the faculty - & I had expected to hear from me again in a day or two - but Mr Lord & Mr Wheeler rushed it right through with what seemed to me (& some others) a decided & unbecoming haste - later - they have gone & quiet reigns - I find that Miss P - in addition to causes arising of my own the first time I had the girls together - has made it her "biz" to visit the rooms - talk with the girls at all times - once when I had a Dorm' faculty meeting in my room - & several students waiting in the hall to speak to me she called me out - she holding a plate with some molasses on it, which had been left on the plates at her table, (she controlling one small table of fifteen) - I went with her with apparent patience & licked the plate up - next day I went again at her command & fetched for her to give to a barefooted beggar - behind the dormitories was her "old ladies" - I have been called from the P. Room at least a dozen if not twenty times to answer - "there is a lady to see you" & it proved to be this venerable "old lady" who always comes about dinner time - in addition to this Mrs P has kept a little sugar & tea in the store room for missionary purposes - & I must furnish trimmings for her to "entertain" men - thank Providence it is over - I have during doxology = I'd

Miss P offered to accompany her - told me of this - & urged to accompany her

rather have bought furniture myself than had them stay = now I want table & chairs & other furniture for that room - shall I buy it - they took a nice large wardrobe which they did not need - & I did not wish or consent to have take = literally inspected the room - & came to my room for a little card board match safe - I never saw such selfishness = & old ink stand years spotted otter spread has on the table - they said it did not correspond with my carpet - but was the best they could do - I have found in the dine room two good black & red crows - just the size for table & colors of my carpet - & they knew where they were - the young mens parlor is lined with pictures - not one was in my room = She brought two invited guests to their table thanksgiving day - they came & went, I meeting them all in the hall - had no introduction - one was Miss Bullard who was formerly a teacher here & I am told should be now - Prof Carpenter was brought to dinner & supper - & not introduced to me - tables all full = a students chair was taken - student came walking to my table - just thing & coming - I was shocked - for this is the strictest decorum observed & demanded in the young ladies room - I afterward said to Mr L - if he would let me know when he was going to bring guests to my tables, I would make some necessary changes in the table furniture at least - & make it pleasanter for him I have never been accustomed to being entirely ignored = & I am conscious that I conduct myself in such a manner as to command the respect due my position from the other inmates of the house - but example of this -

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so as to have things so that they would move with their own momentum for a while = I may not be obliged to go - but am daily expecting an event not dreamed of when I saw you = I will explain to you in due time - in a way that will be entirely satisfactory to you - Strange as it may seem to you now, I have talked the matter confidentially with Mr Ellis - who will approve of my course if it seemed necessary for me to - I dare not say anything to any one else = Mr Roy will be here Dec 8 = And right glad will I be - Oh please pardon my spinning = ~~a great many~~ some improvements must be made if possible for the health - as well as comfort of the family - water has to be pumped & carried to the third floor - there might be a tank which might be filled by a force pump - if we could be kept in order - the girls have had to carry all their slops out of the front door - around the house to a long distance into the yard - I have had steps made leading from a window in the back part of the hall - so now we use that window for a door - which is appreciated by all - have to stop a little but don't mind that - I think we might have a pipe so arranged that we might heat the water in a tank up stairs we will see when Mr Atkinson comes - I am "crackin" the Sabbath in writing this - have no time but Sunday - & I guess you will wish I had not the Sunday use in this box - Yours truly Newcomb

I regret exceedingly that Miss Hanson returned - there is a very strong feeling against her in the minds of the older & best scholars here which I find it very hard to contend - they have some reason for it - she is very morose - seems perfectly indifferent in regard to everything about the house, & seems to be suffering both mentally & physically - her back pains her all the time you know she had a fall down while with Mr Ford last year - I'm told she does well in school - she could have been so much more useful somewhere else - Miss Allyn is to help me on Sunday - I did not think her at all fitted for the work on a farm, & fine & sensitive as an aspen leaf - She is very pleasant & we will work very harmoniously together -

Now to the point - Circumstances are such that I am very likely (more than probable) to be called away about Jan 1st 1879 - My friend Mrs Edgerton writes me that she can take my place - she is a devoted christian - of rare common sense - has matron of the Home for the friendless in Chicago - & was matron of a colored orphan asylum at Palatka during the war - she is the one I spoke of to you that I was in N.Y. Please give me authority to transfer my duties to her who here or there as well as I - (but no better than I can if I had half a chance) please write me by return of mail - for if I am called away the order will be imperative - & you can imagine the result of both on me to fill my place - I am shaping things as fast as possible

Alfred Jones
Childersburg
Ala.
12-5-78
12-7-78

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NO. 3964
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Childersburg Ala.
Decmd 1878

Dear Bro. Strieby

I am not feeling so well this morning My wife being some what ill. My church is not doing as well as I could like to see it, but I think it is on account of rain & cold.

I hope though we may be able to keep send through the winter

Will you please send my salary for Nov.

Yours fraternally
Alfred Jones.

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12-7-98
12-11-98

S. L. Robert
Mobile
Ala.

Emerson Post.
Mobile Ala. Dec 3rd 98

M. E. Strieby
Dear Bro. Enclosed please find Report for November — I am keeping the books by Double Entry and the report is a summary of the different account in the Ledger.

Every item goes on the books Except in one case when we have a pass book. then only the amount goes upon the books and the items are found in the pass book —

Instead of sending the vouchers this time as there are so many I send you a list of them. They are filed away, and will send them when you desire them — I also send you a list of items I have no vouchers for. I got no vouchers for traveling Expenses nor when I purchased some little things here and there amounting to only a few cents — Except in a few cases. when I stipulated for the Receipted bill to be sent up with the goods & they failed to bring it. I shall be more particular about this in the future —

In one or two cases I entirely forgot to take a receipt. so many things were crowding upon me at once at the first—

I don't see my way clear for getting vouchers for 10c 15c & 20c bills especially of meat—

Butchers hard of want to be at the trouble for giving receipts for two or three lbs of steak &c— If we get acquainted with some Butcher we can rely upon so that we pay him once a week or once a month then we can get receipts—

Our principal grocer Bill is not included in this report. for the bill has not been paid— The same is true of our Milk bill— & some other little expenses I report only what is actually paid—

We have made some purchases for the Home not yet paid for— as matting for Miss Stephenson's & Miss Berry's Rooms and for the Study— or Office— Also arranged for painting & glazing— of three large Rooms & two Halls— These repairs we felt as though they must be done— Other repairs we wait to hear if any appropriation has actually been made as we understand there has—

Our School opened with very few Scholars— but the number is increasing

Every day. There are now about 63
We shall have 75 before Christmas - with a
large accession afterwards

We hope the seats & desks will be on
hand soon. Or we shall have no place
to put our scholars. Our School building
when completed with seats & desks is
very fine - It's design is complete -
We are very anxious to see Dr Roy
We need some one on the ground to talk
over the situation. I am not prepared
in any way to commit myself about
it - I hope there has been no mis-
take in sending me here - Every thing
contradicts all my established habits
& tastes - It may be that God is leading
me in a way I know not.

On account of the repairing & furnishing
spoken of above we shall need another
$200. as soon as you can send it.
I will make out the Report fuller if
you desire it - Every thing is on the
books. And I can give the main items
under each account in the report
you desire it.

Yours Truly
D. L. Hickok

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A. M. ARCH.
NO. 3966
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P.S. We brought with us two new carpets and we would like to put them down on the parlor and our room — We have old carpeting that we will put on other rooms & give them to the Home but we did not feel able to donate the new carpets — If we do this we shall return one piece of matting & put an old carpet on the study —

Shall we do this?

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3967
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec 5th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D. Sec'y A.M.A. New York.

Dear Bro.

Inclosed I send a Financial Report for November, of Receipts & Expenses at this Mission. As I did not arrive till near the expiration of the month, I have found it a little embarrassing to make the Report complete & in due form. But I believe it is accurate. You may wish vouchers to accompany the report to verify the items. Please state your wishes on that point for my guidance hereafter. Where so many small purchases are made at so many different places, this seems to be difficult. But I wish to comply with your rules. The expenses of the month were much increased by entertaining for a considerable time, so many of your teachers on their way to Mobile & New Orleans.

My account of traveling expenses &c, will be embodied in the report for Dec. as I did not enter on my work here till the 1st of this month. My first impressions are very favorable. My heart is drawn out toward the people and I expect to enjoy my work for them, very much.

Yrs truly F. Pascoe

Rev. F. Bascom
Montgomery
Ala.

12-9-78
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New York

Rev. Dr Stuckey,

J. S. Hardy

12-14-78

12-14-78 Personal

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3968
FISK UNIV.

Sat. Morn. Dec. 7.
Montgomery. Ala.

Dear Friend -

I have not seen any time since I sent my last to you when I could continue my writing as I spoke of doing -

This is a beautiful day - and the sun is shining into my room, making it very, very pleasant.

I think my Home is much pleasanter than that at Charleston was.

I like my school, I like the church, and the S.S. There is here open a great field for usefulness, and I am quite happy in my work excepting some few

things, and I want to tell you all about them.

I am trying to assist Miss Adams in her work as a Matron, but here as in school, she appears to feel that I am doing very little. To every one that visits our Home she rehearses the fact that she is the Supt. of the School, and Matron of the Home, and never, to my knowledge has she made mention of me as helping her in the least.

I felt troubled because I am helping some and really am doing all that I feel able to, but I have freely offered to help more, and have made suggestions in this and that direction. I tried to see for myself what things I could attend to besides the few ~~things~~ ~~others~~

sometimes she would not see it best to adopt my plan, and to me, to persuade, Can't you think and see what you can do.

things — taking charge of the house-linen, (I took it over and count the pieces before it goes to the wash and when it returns, it is brought to me and I see that it is distributed to each room as needed, and also to the table) the winding of the clock, putting out the parlor and hall lamp, and locking the outside doors every night — which she, Miss A—, set me to do. but I could see nothing else which was not already attended to by Georgie, (the cook) or Rebecca the house-maid) excepting the planning for the meals which Miss Adams reserved for herself to do, saying she supposed I would not care to take that ~~care~~ work upon me. And I said I would rather not if there were other things

Sometimes she would not see it best to adopt my plan, and she would reply to me by saying, Can't you think and see what you can do.

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for me to do. {So, after a time I went to Mrs. McPherson I told her I felt sorry, I could not help Miss Adams so that she would feel that I was helping And I asked her if she could suggest ways to me in which I could help. She very kindly sympathized with me, and tried to help me, but she could not see that there was any thing that I could do more, than what I was doing. She said further more that she considered the work of the matron in this Home very light because of the very efficient help which we have. And this is just my opinion. Georgie & Rebecca understand their duties well and attend to them promply. And yet I know that the care and responsibility which comes upon Miss Adams is considerable, and I do not wish to take her place. I suppose it is the care, and not the labor that wears upon her, for she

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does very little of the latter. I do not think she has been down into the kitchen more than once since I came here. Rebecca brings up her water for her, and also her coal, and makes her fire, sweeps her room, makes her bed, puts her room in order, and shuts her blinds for her at night.

Georgie goes to her room every evening to get orders for meals the next day, and after that E— needs no further direction. Rebecca makes the fires in dining-room, and parlor, sweeps these rooms and keeps them in order.

I take care of my own room, bringing in coal, kindlings for fire, water, making bed, sweeping

room &c. - which takes all the time and strength I have to spare these short mornings before school. I am usually at the school building at 8 1/2 o'clk, before any other teacher.

Miss Adams handed me my $8 2 v. or this for Nov. but I said to her, I don't know as I have earned the extra $5.00 to which she replied, "Well, you have done something." Which wasn't to me very comforting.

Won't Mrs Emerson tell me what you think of my work. Can you tell me what I should do more than what I am doing, so that Miss Adams may not feel as I fear she does, disappointed in one as an assistant

About the first of Nov. I received a letter from K— which alarmed me much In which he stated that he had just arrived in New York. It was dated Aug 31st, and feeling the need of money, and feeling too very mad because in the letter which I sent him last July, (I sent it to you to mail) I asked him not to write to me again, (I did it in as polite a way as I could, hoping not to give offence) he therefore conceives the villainous plan of extorting money from me by terrible threats. I was greatly alarmed, and yet I remembered that two months had passed since the writing of the letter, It was sent to C—

Instant.

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and from there sent to Shelburne Mass, and from there sent to Montgomery. In it he says, "if a reply to this is too long delayed, I will write to Mr. Owens in Charleston and tell him all. And then I think you will conclude it would have been wiser to let me know your address. I will continue to write till I find you. &c."
I did not know what to do. I thought that so long a time had passed before receiving the letter that probably the mischief was already done. (I would like to know if he did carry out his threat or not.)

I wrote you a long letter and also one to Mr. Niles. Mr. N— answered me by telegraph before I had posted my letter to you. He said, do nothing, and I, after recovering from my alarm concluded it was best. And I then concluded not to trouble you with the letter I had prepared for you.

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Do you know any thing of K——p whereabouts? Do you think he carried out his threats? Do you think he will trouble me any more? I dreamed the other night that a letter came to me saying he had arrived in Montgomery and I really fear he will yet appear here in Mi—— What should I do in such a case? I hope he may never be brought into my sight again.

Several of my pupils in Charleston are writing me letters, begging me to reply to them. They mostly send by way of Kinsonville, Ohio. But one of them sent to Shelburne, Mass, and it was forwarded to me by my sister!

but she wonders why my letters should be sent to Shelburne, thinking I suppose that I am in communication with Charleston people, and she asks me why. I think I explained satisfactorily the why this one letter was sent to S— but I fear (they are so anxious to know where I am and to have me write them) that they may yet write to my mother to inquire where I am. Which thing I could not very well explain to my people.

And again, I think Charleston people will not regard the fact, that I am intentionally keeping my whereabouts hid from them, as favorable to me. but rather against me.

Of course I am not ~~[illegible]~~ wishing

to hide from any one but
Mattie & K— but the
people will not understand
this, and I don't like the
impression that will be received
when it is whispered about
"She don't let any one know
where she go".—
This bad impression will be deepened
I think when it is known that
my name is not in the list
of teachers, when published
in the Magazine. I think
too my people at home will
notice the fact omission if
my name does not appear,
you suggested, you know,
omitting it.
Shall ~~the~~ I continue the course
that I am now pursuing, viz.
writing to no one in Charleston,
notwithstanding the objections I have

mentioned, feeling that the mischief that M — & K — may do if they know I am here, outweighs them all, or shall I write to these pupils who have written me, (one of them sent me a book by mail after I left Ohio, and I suppose she thinks it very strange I don't acknowledge it) and also ask to have my name given among the list of teachers? and trust that no harm will come from it.

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Miss Twichell knows that I am here, and from her Cav. people will know that I am here, and I think C — people must get it from them.

Will you please to write me fully in reply to this, Do not write me an official letter. ~~I am~~ startled, when, in your last letter I read that your letters had to be copied, Are any of the letters which you have written me in regard to my trouble preserved? I hope not.

I find that Miss Dora Ford is

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I am glad to get this now. With love very much from J.A.H.

trouble at Talladega, which I supposed was a profound secret is generally known. And it makes me feel more and more that sooner or later my trouble at C— will be generally known, and I live in constant fear of this. I don't think about it all the time for when I am in school I have something else to think about. But I almost always on getting a letter from home, feel a fear to read it, lest it bring the dreaded news that they have heard something.

Will not Mr. Roy visit C— and find out all about the sad state of the church there and will he publish anything of it in the papers? I see an

article which I think is from him in the last Congregationalist—

H. J. Taylor
Athens Ala.
12-9-78
12-10-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3972
FISK UNIV.

Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama.
Dec. 7th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.,

Dear Sir,

Please send me a check for $197.50. I have received from the church $12.50, & doubt whether I get much more. That with the $197.50 will be my allowance to June. By sending for that amount now I will not have to trouble you for more before May or June.

The place I wrote you about, as the "Jim. C. Malone place," is not yet sold, but is still for sale. There is some fencing & repairing being done, to the extent of some $300.00 or $400.00. It is a very desirable place for a school, & a house could be built there as cheaply as the present building could be repaired. The present building is not safe. The South wing is but little worse than the rest of it. If you should conclude to buy the Jim C. Malone place would you

the property you now hold towards that? I have made no inquiries or remarks about buying or selling or trading since you wrote last Summer that it would be impossible to do any thing about it last year.

Yours truly

Horace J. Taylor

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12-11-78
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S. E. Hickok
Mobile Ala.

Emerson Institute
Mobile Ala. Dec 11

M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Bro: I have been to reply to your letter of the 4th inst. just received in part. and will answer more fully next week.

1st In regard to Repairs - We will make no repairs except what we have already engaged to have done, referred to in my last letter which you have received by this time with these repairs & a letter furnishing - we shall be quite comfortable -

2. In regard to desks for School building -

The desks of the Intermediate Normal are now in the Normal Room, so that the Intermediate room is not occupied. The Intermediate teacher & Normal teacher occupy the same Room using the recitation room of Normal

rooms for recitation of Intermediate classes — We can get along in this way till after Christmas — then we shall need the three Rooms for the three grades —

The Normal Room therefore needs to be seated according to the original design — To complete the building therefore according to original design we need —

50 desks for Scholars — Seamen there recently sent to school in Savannah

3 desks for Teachers —

5 chairs for Teachers —

Miss Stephenson says Mr. Chase said that these desks for both teachers & Scholars had been ordered —

We shall need the three Rooms very much after Christmas — Hope they will be here in time.

I have kept a copy of my October & November Reports and Miss Stephenson will compare them with the cash book and report —

Yours Truly

D. L. Hickok

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Talladega Ala. Dec. 9 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir,—

Your favor of the 7th received to day with draft of $50. Many thanks. I am sorry to hear that there is such a falling off in receipts. Dr Roy has just left us today and I believe all of us have enjoyed his coming and feel encouraged by his good words. I believe he is the man for the place and will do a large amount of good in his work.

Yours truly,

Warren E. Wheeler

Warren E. Wheeler
Talladega
Ala.

12-14-78

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NO. 3972
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Rev. M. E. Strieby,
Dear Sir:

Your containing letter from Maria Fearing is received. I agree with you fully in not approving of the scholars writing their complaints to you. Maria Fearing is the best girl or rather woman in the Institution. I never knew her to complain till this fall.

So far as I understand the principals of government laid down in your letter I most heartily agree with them. I shall do what I can to lead the individuals here to put them into practice.

I have not answered your letters in regard to Ind. Sch., stove, engine &c because there seemed nothing to say.

We have just been enjoying a delightful visit from Dr. Roy. He has done us all much good lightening the hearts of the

teachers and greatly instructing and interesting the scholars. We need more of these outside influences. He seems just the one to accomplish a great work in the south.

Respectfully
Edward P. Lord.

E. P. Lord
Talladega
Ala.
12-16-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3976
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery Ala. Dec 9th

Rev Dr Strong,
Dear Bro.

In the Monthly report of this Mission for Nov. I inclosed two Receipts, for payments to Teachers, viz $35. to Miss Adams & $20 to Miss Hardy. These do not correspond with the charges, in the report. The reason is, that those receipts are for Money paid since this month commenced and which will be reported in due time. I should have withheld those receipts till the next report is sent.

I am much interested in my work & in my people. I see abundant proofs of the beneficent agency of your Society here. Could its influence have been

exerted in like manner, among all our colored people of the South the problem, so perplexing to Politicians & Philanthropists, as to to the future of this class in our country, would have been already solved. It seems to me that my neighbors here, who have been under the influence of our school & church, for these few years past, are as well prepared for the duties and responsibilities of freemen & citizens, as are the ordinary farmers & Mechanics at the North. I am most happily disappointed in the intelligence of the men, and the culture of the women, and in the neatness and comfort of their homes.

But I see this elevation of the people, is accomplished

by the most laborious and exhausting efforts of your employees. Your Teachers here, a noble trio, seem to work every day, up to the extreme limit of their strength and I have serious fears that their endurance will be unequal to the term on which they have entered.

My wife, though partially crippled by lameness, will relieve Miss Adams, as far as practicable, from the oversight of details in house keeping.

We find the Home very pleasant. The attention paid me by prominent citizens here, is quite satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

F. Bascom

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Rev. F. Bascom
Montgomery
Ala.

12-12-78
12-18-78

Rev. C. B. Curtis
Selma
Ala.

12-14-78
12-19-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3977
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Selma Ala. Dec 10, 78

Rev M. E. Strieby

Dear Bro.

Your good letter of Nov. 27 with enclosure of $100 for Nov. was duly rec'd just in time to relieve my financial embarrassment and provide the wherewith to get into our new home. On getting partly straightened out & looking over my papers I find that I have neglected to answer your letter & acknowledge receipt of draft as I ought to have done at once. The confusion of moving is my sole excuse. Will be more business like next time. We have found a very comfortable house in the most pleasant part

of the city. A little over half a mile I should think from the Church but we think the walk will be an advantage in general on account of exercise. Dr. Kay came with me to look at it when he was here (12 or 3 weeks ago) & was very much pleased with the situation & thought we would have a better influence in the city & among our own people for living in the more respectable part of the city.

We, according to your directions with Mr. Silsby's consent have taken the furniture of their spare room to help us in getting started here viz. 1 bedstead with mattresses (1 double & 2 single mattresses) 1 secretary. 1 center table. 4 chairs 1 washstand, 1 lamp & shade. & 1 carpet. The carpet we had all tacked down, before your second letter to Mrs S. speaking of sending carpets to Tongaloo came. & we could hardly get along without it. as we had

not worry enough to buy one with our other furnishings. We await your direction as to its disposal. Perhaps we had better buy it of you at once.

The prospect of usefulness here is encouraging I think. During the week of prayer for young men I attended the Y.M.C.A. meeting several of them & became thus somewhat acquainted with Major Hardin & some of the ministers of the city - (white) & was very cordially received. Three of the white ladies have already called on Mrs. C. All of them wealthy & influential & we are very pleasantly surprised at finding much more cordiality on the part of our white neighbors than we had supposed.

I do not remember whether I spoke of the interest in Burrell School & the fact of some

20 or more conversions among the pupils since our coming. They are mostly Methodists - but some 3 or 4 will probably join here & several others in our meeting have expressed deep interest & desire to come to Christ. We are hoping for a deeper work of grace among us.

Your proposal to turn over the rent for the use of Burnell school house to me will be quite acceptable as we are much in need of money in getting started & I dislike very much to adopt any other than the cash system.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am Yours very sincerely

C. B. Curtis

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12-14-78

R. S. Kirkpatrick

Emerson Institute
Mobile Ala. Dec. 15th 1878

Rev. M. E. Strieby

Dear Brother:

I wrote you in part last week in answer to your last. To day I will attempt to write you further.

1st The school. Our numbers the first few days were very small. Indeed we could hardly effect it this was under the circumstances. The school had been adjourned so many times the people began doubting to think they would believe the school would begin when they actually saw the face of the teachers. yet I think the community regard it wise in not beginning the school any sooner than we did. The numbers have increased from week to week so that we have now on the roll 68. 57. have paid their tuition in cash 7. are paying it in washing. 1 in sweeping the house & ringing the bell. 1. has his

Cushion donated - and two came in yesterday & have not paid yet -

There is every prospect of a large accession after Christmas - when we hope to have the three grades in three separate rooms.

I do not see why the school will not prosper. I am teaching a class in Latin Geometry and Nat. Philosophy - I also have a class in Physiology - made up of all the members of the Home - I think teachers do all the better for doing some thing by way of self improvement.

2nd The Home - As we have it now arranged & fitted up it is very pleasant - The Rooms at first were very forbidding - Of one room & two small sleeping rooms were presentable - The other rooms had been used for school purposes - not only by the A.M.A but by others before the building was purchased - by the A.M.A. The plastering was black & dirty & in many places knocked off - The paint was very much soiled so that with all they rooms had a very shabby for-

bidding look - (2) We had three large rooms & two halls painted - & grained & the broken lights of the windows filled at an expense of $44. including the graining of the out-side of six doors We have bought some Matting so that with carpets of our own we are now quite comfortable - As to furniture - we are using our own - yet we were obliged to purchase some - Eight dining chairs - one Rocker for the study & 5 chairs for the sitting room - The Church -

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I hardly know what to say about the church. I should have been greatly disappointed had I not learned from others about it before I came here - I find no such church here as we have at Talladega or at Montgomery - It has neither the intelligence nor the spirituality of those churches - Coming from Talladega here every thing seemed cold & forbidding enough. The first week I was homesick enough - I was completely on my face - I have a little more courage now (thanks to my wife & Miss Stephenson) The first time I met the church was at the Thursday night prayer meeting -

There were six present outside those from the home — no ladies from the congregation except one help at the home — The next ~~Sab~~ time was on the following Sabbath — at 10 o'clock — at the Sabbath School — There was a class of five or six little boys — another of little girls of as many more — two or three old men — & no women — In the afternoon at 3 o'clock was preaching — At this service there was not more than 20 — All this was new to me & not a little discouraging — but nevertheless I preached with all the might I had & with all that the Spirit gave me — but it seemed as if my words rebounded back against me from the cold indifferent hearts like hail stones. But I endured the pelting like a hero & so did they! After service they all came round me & blessed the Lord that I had come & were a "heap" grateful that they had a pastor again.

A. M. ARCHIVES NO. 3980 FR. UNIV.

Last Sabbath. Mrs. H. and Emma & Howard - went to our Sabbath school - While Miss Stephenson & May & myself went to the State St. Sab. School. When we stayed for a letter time & then we went to a large Baptist Sab. School. I addressed each of these Sab. Schools for about 10 minutes - In the afternoon at 3 o'clock I preached again in our church - There were present - about 40 or 50 with quite a number from State St. The superintendent & some of his teachers -

My present idea of this Church is that it is one of the "old time" churches that has been adopted into the Cong.al family - and that it needs to be born again before it can really come into the Kingdom of Congregationalism - With further acquaintance I may be led to change my mind -

It seems that the ladies of the church have a weekly prayer meeting - Mrs H. met with them last week. It was a meeting that she will never forget. She began to realize as never before that she was a missionary on missionary ground -

I have no doubt but that our little church will compare very favorably with

both in piety & intelligence with the colored churches of this city - It is doubtless supposed to be in correct Christian living but it is hard for the nucleus we could desire for the begining of a great christian enterprise. I know that the divine plan is that a little leaven is to leaven the whole lump - but it may be a question whether real leaven has been thrust into the meal here - It sometimes seems as if the pot-pine & shavings had been kindled on the top of the coal - and while the kindlers continually burn out and are needed to be continually renewed the coal refuses to ignite - It may be that no mistake was made in trying to kindle a fire on top of an old time church - and that it was not necessary in this case to put our kindlers at the bottom -

You must not regard these report as my settled conclusions - I am often within confounded & at a loss to know what to think - Now proceeding in a tentative way - waiting for Bro. Roy to come & help me out. If we cannot revive our present Sab. S. we shall try an institute Sab. S. and if the old-ch. will not come to the truth we shall feel praying for a new conception by the spirit of truth. Hickok

Since writing the above I have felt like writing a word about our church building -

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It is an old back lot structure situated in an out of the way place behind a high board fence - as though we were trying to do something in a corner - Every thing is hidden & screened as though we were keeping a saloon or running a billiard or roulette table - No one in passing would dream that there was a congregation of people within who were children of the day worshipping the light of the world, but would sooner think they were children of the night worshipping the prince of darkness - It is true that sound will travel over & through the high, tight, board fence - and instead of the sound of revelry the songs of Zion may be heard - but no glimpse of light from the burning altar can reach the street of an evening not even a "dim religious light" can get through that fence - With such surroundings what can be expected in these days when "environment" figures so largely in the "development" of any enterprise The American Union

says Environment is the cause of vice & crime more than heredity - Association & surroundings have much to do in the progress of truth & righteousness as well as wickedness & falsehood - The modern theory of the Church & Sab. S. is to make every thing about pleasant & attractive - The theory is a good one - It is true that life is from within & is in a measure independent of Externals. It is true that religion can thrive in a dungeon - It is true that saints may be found in dens & caves of the Earth. The Church may flourish in a barn if ~~they are~~ it is driven thereby persecution & other stress of circumstances - Therefore I suppose our little Church may be blessed & enlarged notwithstanding all that is forbidding about it & within it for that matter, for we will not limit the Spirit of God.

We mean to unitedly put our shoulders to the wheel and see if we cannot get out of what now seems the slough of despond - The teachers are willing to labor whatever course is thought best for the prosperity of the work for which they are sent here to accomplish. Hoping for a word of sympathy & advice I remain

Yours D S Hecock

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3982
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Dec. 10-78

Mr. Hubbard

Dear Sir:-

I am compelled to write you for money to settle a bill due for some time and which requires to be settled at once; it amounts to $2 or 4/00 and is due to one of the merchants here, for groceries I believe.

Can you send me aft $300 & as general etc? — we shall need it to equal up matters for the closing year.

Dr Ray's visit did us all much good. Mr. Atkinson is now here and is not going to disappoint us. Less friction than a short time ago, for which I am truly thankful

Yours truly
Geo. N. Ellis

Geo. H. Ellis
12-14-78 Talladega
12-14-78 Ala.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3983
FISK UNIV.

12-16-78
12-20-78 Ans. 4c

Rev. L. Pickett
Mobile
Ala.

Emerson Institute
Mobile Ala. Dec. 12

M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Bro. I feel as though I ought to write you a word about Miss Berry. We are a good deal anxious about her. Her health is very poor indeed. She is very frail at best. She has had a hard cold for some time and her lungs are in constant pain. She has been unable to teach for about a week. And I fear she will be able to do but little teaching during the winter. She is anxious and willing to do all she can. And if her health were sufficient would probably do very well.

After Christmas we shall have a large accession of older students some of them headstrong and we certainly need a strong & experienced teacher at the head of the normal

department. We are very fearful that the health of Miss Berry will prevent her from filling this responsible place — If she recovers from this attack of cold she may be able to do some light teaching. But she is really unable to do any work at present — and were she my daughter I would not have her teach at all this winter — Her lungs are very sore & painful — and a cough is coming on — and we are a good deal anxious about the result. I felt as though I ought to write you this morning & let you know the facts of the case —

Yours

L. L. Hicks

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3984
FISK UNIV.

Mobile Dec. 12th 1878.

Miss Emerson

My Dear Friend

Mr. Hickish has written ~~you~~ about Miss Berry – I wish to add a word in regard to it – I want to say to you, that if this was the first attack of the kind she has had, we should not be so much alarmed – but her lungs, she tells me, is her weak point – two years ago this winter, she was confined to the house all winter with lung difficulty – and she seems barely very anxious to throw off the cold as soon as possible – We are using every remedy that we can to relieve her – and earnestly hope that they may be blessed to her good – She is a very pleasant young lady & anxious to do her whole duty – I feel very sorry for her, but she evidently is frail at the best – We have said nothing to her about the matter of which we write, and would not alarm her in the least, but on the contrary shall nurse & comfort her every moment, until she sees for herself

that her strength is not sufficient - so you will please say nothing to her at present.

The school is growing every day, and the prospect is, that a little of the former prosperity of Emerson Institute awaits her future - to say we are intensely anxious about it, is quite unnecessary -

Mr. H. told Dr. S. his first impressions about the church work. - Certainly it does look discouraging - to hope to build on the present foundation, seems very much like putting new wine into old bottles, both shall be lost; - Of one thing we are very deeply impressed, that the old lady has here manifested a devotion & self sacrifice to the interest of the work in Mobile, which I have seen no where else - I speak particularly of those who have been on the ground here since the fire. Their labors are worthy of all commendation and while others may enter into their labors yet I hope they may enjoy somewhat of the harvest.

With much love

C. O. Hickok

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Selma, Ala., Dec. 13 1878

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3985
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Rev. M. E. Sliby
56 Wade St.
New York City.

Dear Bro, — Some parties are now in the city, to remain here about one week longer, who are engaged in putting lightning rods on buildings. They desire to put one on the School building which now has none. His bill is $40.00 Befor giving him an answer, I prefer to have your decision in the matter. Will you telegraph a reply. I hope tomorrow to send you action of the church in regard to pastors salary.

Yours truly
D. E. Gilsby

E. C. Gilsby
Selma -
Ala.

12-16-78

12-16-78 Tel.

The lightning rod need not be ordered.

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NO. 3786
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala
Dec. 13th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.
Dear Bro.

I return to you the enclosed postal card. The author is Preston W. Story.

I ordered for the boys J. W. Story & P. W. Story each, though you a set of Bonwo Notes on the N.T. — Story recd his at the proper time, but Young's never come. Possibly the set sent to P. J. McEntosh of which you make mention, should have been sent here —

Young also subscribed at the same time for the "Missionary," but fails now to receive it.

If the insoles & rubber shoes are not already purchased you need not get them — the shoes I need still.

Yours truly.
G. W. Andrews.

G. W. Andrews
Talladega
Ala.

12-16-78
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Rev Dr Ritchie

Dear Sir

Your favor is received - I was very glad to have a letter direct from your hand. I regretted that I was not able to see you when I was in N.Y. I have heard Mrs Randall (of Chicago, now deceased) speak of Dr W. often - and in such appreciative language and feeling - that feel that you are scarcely a stranger to me. Miss Allen now gives her time to the Indust- work - is untiring and self sacrificing - all that I can desire in that direction - She is wholly inexperienced in many of the duties she has to perform - for instance we are doing most of the laundry work of which she knows nothing - we work very harmoniously together I take entire charge of those parts in which she cannot work efficiently = The probabilities are now that I will remain during the school year - I hope to - for my heart is in the work - and I flatter myself that I am accomplishing something - While I am kind

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Talladega Ala. 1878.

and sympathetic with the pupils - I am firm - I do not the second time send breakfast to a "sick girl" - who afterwards gets up, goes to school two hours then works five hours in the laundry & then to church in the eve. (a veritable case -)

As to Mrs Edgerton I wish she were here - Miss Allen is a practical Bookkeeper = Mr Ellis is breaking down - is getting pale - careworn - works six hours in school - then has all the little interruptions incident to a teacher who rooms in walking distance of his pupils = then often works on his books away into the "weekness" = every few days missing his meals = I suggested to him that if Mrs E - came she might relieve Mr Ellis a few hours a day - if Mrs E - does come - I wish you would be kind enough to specify that the time thus gained by Miss Allen should be devoted to the books, otherwise Mr Lord will insist upon her taking "classes" in school - and only as her time can be thus utilised I am not so anxious to have her come - I laid the matter before Mr Ray who was here last week - he said by all means

decline her services if possible = every body here (except the Principle is overtoned — then if I do not remain the entire year she is here — with the work in hand — and fully competent to take entire charge —

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain Yours Truly

E P Newcomb

E. P. Newcomb
Talladega
Ala.
12-16-78

D. L. Hickok

12-16-78

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J. S. Hardy
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3990
FILE

Dear Miss Emerson

I have been reading something for you this morn. It seems to me that it was written just for me, for it is just suited to my need, and I want to tell it to you, it seems to me that you will rejoice with me, will you not? This is what I have been reading -

"When I speak of burdens, I mean every thing that troubles us, whether spiritual or temporal.

I mean first of all ourselves. ---- The most difficult thing we have to manage is self. Our daily living, our frames and

and feelings, our especial weakness, and temptations, and our peculiar temperament our inward affairs of every kind. ---- In laying off your burdens, therefore, the first one you must get rid of is yourself. You must hand yourself, and all your inward experience, your temptations, your feelings, all over into the care and keeping of your God, and leave them there. He made you and therefore understands you, and knows how to manage you, and you must trust him to do it. Say to him, 'Here, Lord, I abandon myself to Thee' ---- Do Thou take entire possession of me ----- I leave myself in Thy hands, and I believe Thou will according to Thy promise make me into a vessel unto Thine honor

sanctified and fit for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." and here you must rest, trusting yourself to Him continually and absolutely.

Next, you must lay off every other burden: your health, your reputation, your Christian work, your homes, your children, every thing in short, that concerns you. -----

Most people take their burdens to Him, but they bring them away with them again, and are just as worried and unhappy as ever." [The Christian Secret of a Happy Life.]

In the last paragraph I see myself pictured. Oh, how much during the last year have I felt oppressed and cast down because of the fears and anxieties that filled my mind. Shall I ever learn to not only to carry my

burdens to the Lord Jesus, but to leave them there.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. EDUCATION

The greatest, perhaps, of all my burdens has been in regard to my reputation. How can I bear to have the impression get abroad among my friends North that there is something dreadful about me or that there is any truth in the reports which Marts delights to circulate as a cloak to cover himself? I say this query. This fear has worried me exceedingly. The burden was sometimes crushing, but partial relief would come when I took the burden to the Lord, but oft times I would find myself carrying it again.

A few weeks ago, I said to myself I can not carry this burden longer. Nothing is too hard for the Lord and He can take care of my reputation as easily as of any thing else. And I did then, and I do now leave this matter with Him. I do trust Him. He is able to stop the

mouth of K — if the pleases. And also bring to naught the false reports of Marts. But if the sees it best that I drink the bitter cup even to its dregs. I know the will support me if I trust him. He will be with me, and order all things for the best. Kind regards from Mrs Emerson

FISK UNIV. LIBRARY ARCHIVES NO. 3991

We are enjoying Dr. Bascom's preaching very much. His sermons are feasts indeed to all who listen to them.

Mrs. Bascom is still quite lame. She has been to the church once. Is able here at home to do sitting work. She has mended a few table cloths for me. She is now making candy bags to hang on our

Christmas-tree. The teachers are looking for no play time till after Christmas. The preparations for the Christmas festivals adds to our work. Miss Adams superintends the getting of the presents, while to arrange for the exercises falls on me. There are eight classes in our school and each must be ready with some lesson to recite, besides a number of single ~~pieces~~ pupils must be trained to recite.

Miss Perry has charge of the singing.

How are you in health? Is there even any letting up in your work so that you are not so hurried? It will take time to read my letters. This is my third. I hope you will not feel tired of them. With love from

J. E. H.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3992
TUL'NE UNIV.

Selma Ala. Dec. 16 '78

Rev. M. E. Strieby

Dear Bro.

I rec'd the $100 for Dec. from Mr. Silaby last Sat. for which receive thanks. But I am troubled to see that it is all spoken for a year already. It is costing more to get started than I had anticipated. I didn't ship much furniture from the North & had to buy here while that I left here had no returns from as I expected before this. It costs so off at auction at once. Besides this money I was expecting from other sources has failed me & I fear we cannot get along without great incon-venience unless we can get another $100 this month.

If I were in the North I could borrow & get along for a few months easily. but here it is different of course. Can you not advance me the salary for January at once, & after figuring our expenses closely I am satisfied that that will make us straight so that we can work with out the anxiety we feel now which cannot but interfere with our usefulness. With that we can get along until the 15th of March when 7th's salary will be due. I will willingly pay interest as I know the Society — is still somewhat in debt. If you will do we the favor.

Sorry to trouble you again but the expense of coming South & getting started is very heavy indeed & the cost of living

much heavier than in
Wisconsin so that I could
not anticipate this finish.
Hoping to hear from you
speedily I remain
Yours in the work
C. B. Curtis

N. A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Rev. C. B. Curtis -
Selma -
Ala.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3993
FISK UNIV.

Emerson Institute
Mobile Dec. 16th 1878

M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Brother: Enclosed you will find the November Report as corrected. I am sorry that I made the mistake. It is easy enough to correct the Report - but not so easy to correct the Books. I have credited traveling expenses with Miss May's account, and also salary account with the amount paid her and closed it up - This will make the balances correspond with report - but not the absolute amount. I know of no other way to correct the books unless I begin anew - I might have foreseen that personal account of teachers should not go onto the station Books.

Saturday Night - Dec. 14th I sent telegram order for thirty double desks and fifty feet settees - I thought that we could get along

This year with one half the original order of Pro. chairs -
We can get teachers desks here - if it is best. We will get a simple table with drawer for the two lower Departments - & something better for the upper. rather than a good school desk for each room if it is thought best. We can get here a very good desk for about $10.00
The present chairs in the building will answer - for purpose for the present.
With regard to the carpets they are new but we have thought best to use matting instead as it will be cheaper and will answer every purpose - We have thought best matting in the parlor - and have ~~covered~~ used an old carpet for the study -
We are using of our furniture two bedsteads with bed & bedding - two tables. (Extension table & center table) five chairs ~~both~~ and a considerable amount

of table furniture — all these things we should have had to pay them if we had not brought them with us — The Home was poorly supplied with bedding but with our own we are comfortable in this respect —

Miss Berry is some better & will go into School this morning — but she is not strong. Her strength is not equal to her responsible position — This throws a double burden on my daughter whose age & experience makes her ill able to bear it. We need an experienced teacher in good health in the normal department. Miss Berry is doing the best she can —

A little interest is kindling in the church & Sabbath School — we shall soon have the Sab. S. in working order with all the teachers employed in it. As yet Miss Berry has not been able to attend and Miss Stephenson has been visiting the Sabbath Schools —

A. M. A. ARCHIVE NO. 3994

Yours

D. S. Hickok

D. L. Hickok
Mobile
Ala.

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12-27-78

Wm H. Ash
12-20-78
12-21-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3995
FISK UNIV.

Florence Ala
Dec. 17th 1878.

Rev. C. H. Streiby

Dear Sir:
There is nothing of interest to write only that the A. M. E. Church has just closed its conference after one weeks session with much excitement being the first ever held here. Will write more particulars of its work in my next. Please send my account and oblige your obedient servant

William H. Ash

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3996
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala
Dec 18th 1878

Dr Strieby.

Dear Sir.

Your letter was received giving me the privilege of living out side of the family if approved by the faculty. The faculty talked over the matter and the result is mother and I are in a little home of our own.

If it is so you can I would like to receive my salary for Oct and Nov. You settled with me as summer matron up to Oct 1st and said I might have to have charge of things for a short time in Oct. I had the entire charge in Oct except the last week. The matron did not come until

the middle of oct and took charge of the lower part of the house the last week of Oct. I still keeping the charge of the girls The Sat. Nov 2nd Miss Newcomb was called away and did not return until the Tuesday after the fair. our family increased more than half during the fair week. the thursday after she returned I left for a week not being able to commence my musical duties on account of a severe cold. I write this not because I was not willing to do all I have done but to enable you to decide what is my due.

I have not as many vocal scholars as last year on account of the vocal classes in school but with the two classes I hear to believe Miss Allen my time is fully occupied

The year is going to seem very short in which to accomplish all we desire. I am going to be able to do more for those out-side than I have done before even. and I hope no less for our students—

We have enjoyed very much our visit from Dr. Roy, his words encouraged and strengthened us all—

I shall hope to receive a reply to this soon as our keeping house makes it quite necessary to have the money

Very sincerely yours

R. A. Lord.

K. A. Lord

12-24-78

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

REV. EDWARD P. LORD, PRINCIPAL. REV. G. W. ANDREWS, THEO. DEPARTMENT.

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A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. 3997 FISK UNIV.

Talladega, Ala., Dec 20 1877.

E. P. Lord - Talladega Ala. 1-14-78 1-16-78

H. H. Hubbard

Dear Friend

The receipt for one dollar which you requested to be returned to you was signed and as I thought forwarded. I send another regretting the inconvenience caused.

Please take from personal account $108.00 given by a "Friend" Keewana Ill, for rebuilding Emerson Institute also $10 from persons whose names cannot be found. This was given a year ago with request to keep until rebuilding was commenced.

Respectfully

Edward P. Lord.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3998
FISK UNIV.

12-23-78
12-27-78

D. L. Hickok

Emerson Institute
Mobile Ala. Dec. 20th 1878

M. E. Strieby D.D.

The prospect of Miss Berry's failing on account of health grows darker instead of brighter. She begins to think herself that she will have to give up her work. Her work here after Christmas will be more than she can do. We shall want a lady that is strong enough to fill a man's place there—

Perhaps she could be transferred to some other place where the work would be lighter— She cannot bear to think that she is going to fail, and is doing all she can—but really she has been able to teach but little this fall— & has not been able to push the work by any thing extra or out side of the school room in the least.

I write you this that you

may know just the state of things and be prepared to hear if she should fail completely.
Last week she was not able to teach at all - This week she has made out to teach four days - by some help - to day she can do nothing - Such is the state of her lungs she ought not to teach a day - The school room even in the South is no place to regain health -

Yours
D L Hicks

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 3999
FISK UNIV.

Talladega Ala. Dec. 21-78.

Dr. W. E. Strieby,

Dear Sir:-

My long delayed report is at length ready to be mailed.

The recasting of my former reports occupied the time which was necessary to prepare my Nov. statement in; then such a flood of work seemed to come that I had not one moments time except from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and my posting, making out stu. ab's and preparing my statement for you have been done wholly at those hours. I shall make a strenuous effort to be more prompt in the future.

I do not know but I confuse my reports too much for you. My plan for sending receipts is as follows:- to classify them and then by taking them in order, beginning with the lowest one, they will be found to correspond to the order in the statement.

If you desire a list of receipts made out together with the amt of each, I can do so - please tell me if my present plan is as you desire - if not I will endeavor to conform to any you may suggest.

The donations reported by me for Oct. did not appear in The Missionary for Dec.; and I send them again together with those for Nov.

I have debts amounting to $100, maturing at Olivet Jany 1-79; and I would like to know if it would be proper for me to draw that amount as personal etc; if so please make out draft to Cyrus Ellis, Olivet, Eaton Co Mich. and oblige,

Yours truly

Geo W Ellis.

In my books, A. M. A. is credited $32.10 by plows sent as premiums, not taken, charged to Agt Dept.

Geo. W. Ellis
Tallahassee
12-24-78
12-26-78

H. J. Stevenson
Mobile
Ala.
12-27-78
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A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4000
CITY UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4001
FISK UNIV.

Hymulga. Ala.
Dec. 24th 1878.

Rev. M. E. Strieby:

Dear Friend:

When you were Talladega last Miss Littlefield gave me an introduction to you over Foster Hall. We were talking about the Christian work at Kingston which is in Talladega Co. There is a Congregational Church in that place. Preston Young labors with the people there. This a good place to work. The colored people are willing to do all they can in supporting a teacher and would do more, but some of them are living on other plantations and do not pay them what they work for. They do not get any money for work, but they give them orders to the store to trade. The people are

interested in having their children educated. If the Association will help to aid a teacher ~~in~~ at Kingston it will do a great deal of good for the people. Just give whatever you think best. I have been a Life Member of the Association for seven years next Feby, and I thought they generally aid those that were members. It was in the year 1877 when you were at Talladega, and promised faithfully that you write and let me know but I never have received any answer. Please let me hear from you soon. ~~If you will~~ Do what you can for us.

Yours respectfully,
Samuel B. White.

S. B. White
Kymulga
Ala.
12-28-78
12-28-78

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4002
FISK UNIV.

Rev. Mr. E. Strieby:

Dear Sir: your favor of Jan. 24th is received and its contents were quite a surprise: I must have poorly expressed myself in my reply to Mr. Ferrier that he should have so entirely misinterpreted my meaning.

I can give no dates and presume those given are correct. the Check was received before my letter of instruction; the delay of directing how it should be used was only such as the delay of Mr. Ferriers letter of instruction, and the engrossing nature of our duties would naturally

cause; his instructions were faithfully and promptly carried out and Maria acknowledged the aid; within a short time to which he replied; and as I supposed it satisfactory to all, thought no more of it until after Miss Littlefields return home when I received a letter from her alluding to Mr. J-s having assisted Maria, in such a way as left the impression that there was something unpleasant, what I could not from her words determine; in two or three weeks came Mr. Ferrers letter enquiring as to the use made of the $500 seeming not fully satisfied as to its having been applied as directed I obtained leave to look at Maria's account and found that

that it had not been credited
to her, I wrote Mr. Pope but received
no reply. I have learned since that
he answered promptly but the
letter was lost. Mr. Ferrier asked
an immediate reply. I did so,
stating the simple truth but
adding that Mr. Pope was a
gentleman above suspicion
and that we had no doubt
of the money having been
used in the work and that
I would be responsible to the
Marie for the money until
mistake was rectified by Mr Pope
I supposed this would be
all Mr. Ferrier would need
to assure him of our honest
intentions and when Mr. Pope's
explanation of the money having
been received and his belief that
it was credited to Marie we

Miss L. A. Alford
Talladega - Ala.

1-11-78

were satisfied and Mr. Ford said that was sufficient to justify his allowing it to Maria.

I want to say distinctly that Maria did receive last year the benefit of the money and that now her account is correct.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

You regret I not write you first. the matter seemed to me so clearly a mistake which I knew would be at once rectified that I believed Mr. Ferrier would accept it as readily as I did, my belief in Mr Pepes integrity would make it impossible for me to impute a wrong motive, and I fear I did not consider the matter as important as it really was which I sincerely regret

Very truly L. A. Alford

Fannie A. Wilson

7-25-79
8-2-79

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4003
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery, Ala. July 22. 1879

Rev M. E. Strieby.

Dear Friend,

Again I look forward to the next year's work; hoping the last four years gave satisfaction.

If there is a vacant place in the higher rooms I should like to fill it; I taught the 2nd Grade Primary the past 4 years and if possible would like to obtain a higher grade.

I always strive to do good and lead the young in the fear of the Lord.

Please oblige,

Yours Truly,

Fannie A. Wilson.

Talladega College,

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4004
FISK UNIV.

Talladega, Ala, Nov. 14 1879.

11-14-79
Regarding Repairs
Rev. Benj. Talbot.
N. S. Dickinson
Talladega
Ala

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.

Dear Bro.

Yesterday with Prof. A. I looked over the needed repairs in Graves Hall & recommended that he do a little more than he had in mind when he wrote you. It will minimize the expense; the bill will not be large & the improvement considerable.

We need the new teacher exceedingly on Monday the 17th and are hoping that Annie Sawyer will come this week. This week we have an interregnum in that fair, which is opening pleasantly & our trust will do some good to Industrial interests. But it burdens heavily overburdened Matron & teachers and is a sad break in our proper business. I think all here are agreed that it shall be the last on College grounds, or in term time.

Mr. Talbot is a graduate of Yale, a good student especially in the classics, a man of the trust principle and of much & excellent ability. He has had much experience as Principal of Iowa D. & D. Institute.

He is an ordained minister, but I think never had a pastoral charge. His ability & character are excellent.

He is very small in stature, & some of as big men have observed that the small ones have an air as if they had had to fight their way up. It is somewhat so with him. His heart is true, but his manner is brusque. He is thoughtful & logical, but his preaching is dry & without unction. He is not magnetic. There is nothing tropical, or African about his make up. Even in a revival he would not be frenzied and his right hand is not as warm as that of some men who have not half as true a heart.

I have a great regard & respect for Mr. J.: a warm regard & attachment for his wife. Their children are exceedingly well trained & are growing up christians. Perhaps I attach too much importance to the suavities in modo. Perhaps I over state the matter in his case. But I hesitate to recommend him on that account. Please write to Mr. A. P. Dodge of Council Bluffs, a true & excellent christian man, long a trustee of the Deaf & Dumb Institute, a steward in our church there, & ask him on this point, in particular.

I prefer that this be in confidence.

Very heartily Yours,

Henry S. De Forest.

A. M. A. ARCHI
NO. 4005
FISK UNIV.

Talladega College,

ALABAMA.

AT Talladega, in the eastern part of the State, between ranges of the Blue Ridge and about one-third of the way to the Gulf, the American Missionary Association have located the Freedmen's College for Alabama. The climate is healthy and the scenery of rare beauty. A college building that had been put up for the whites but mainly by slave labor, was purchased in 1867 and named Swayne Hall, in honor of Gen. Wager Swayne, then of the Freedmen's Bureau. This building which includes the Chapel, Library and Recitation rooms with boys' dormitories under the roof, is large, well-built and stately. Its first cost was about Thirty Thousand dollars. During the war it was used as a prison for Federal soldiers and is now in bad condition. The walls are staunch but the roof leaks, and within and without, from foundation to bell tower, it needs repair. It is estimated that three thousand dollars are required for this purpose. Foster Hall, used by the boarding department, for girls' dormitories and teachers' rooms was erected in 1869-70 at a cost of $22,000. These halls are of brick, well suited to school purposes and stand on spacious and beautiful grounds. A third building, Graves Hall, of wood, and two stories high, with six acres of land, was purchased in 1873 for the Theological Department. These buildings are near together, on elevated land shaded with elm. maple, water-oak and other trees and about half a mile from Talladega. Less than a mile away is Winsted Farm of 160 acres, secured three years ago and mainly the gift of friends in Connecticut.

In climate, in scenery and in felicity of location, Talladega College is not easily surpassed. On the Selma, Rome & Dalton Rail-

road it has easy access to the great cotton belt of the State, yet it is far enough removed to escape the malaria and more intense heat of that region. Others have appreciated these natural advantages. Before the war many fine residences had been located in this vicinity and here the State has established its Institution for the deaf, dumb and insane. About half of the people of Alabama are colored. With a constituency of 500,000 to draw from, this is the only school of collegiate rank for the Freedmen of the State. Its field, its location and its possibilities are all that could be desired. Hitherto its work has not been small; its needs and opportunities were never greater than now.

The College was chartered in 1869. Two years later it organized the Normal Department and from the beginning it has done much in training teachers. Its students and graduates have gone far, everywhere carrying the spelling book and the Bible. They have hardly taught a day school without also organizing a Sunday school and have often formed a Temperance Society besides. In 1873 the Preparatory and the Theological Departments were added. This latter, under the direction of Prof. G. W. Andrews, has been favored with wide and unusual usefulness. Besides ministers furnished to other denominations, fifteen of these graduates have become pastors of A. M. A. churches in the Southern States. At the last Commencement, in June, eight were graduated, some of whom are in Alabama, one in Texas, and one is looking towards Africa. Of late years, the total annual attendance has been more than two hundred, and with more of buildings and facilities the number could be greatly increased. Six other churches have already grown out of the church in the College and the amount of missionary labor performed by the students is not easily computed. The work done with small equipments and meager resources only indicates what might be accomplished with enlarged means. The field is great, beyond our thought, and needy beyond belief. But Alabama is not all, nor the United States. The highway to Africa now runs through America, and fresh from the degradation of slavery, certain elect souls are asking us to train them and they will go.

Missionary in its origin, Talladega College has always been true to the Missionary idea. *Pro Christo et humanitate* is the legend on the College seal, and while seeking the higher good, it does not forget the lower. Its work is largely and of necessity fundamental. It makes much of the industrial departments, emphasizing labor and economy. It seeks the substantial rather than the ornamental and believes that at present, our work in the South is chiefly Normal and not largely Collegiate. Yet not a few are found eager and able for the higher education and all below pays the tribute of its best to the school of theology. We are teaching teachers and preaching to not a few preachers.

Last year the different departments of the College employed ten Northern teachers and more would have been desirable. Directly under the care of the American Missionary Association, the College has a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, now consisting of the President of the College, Prof. G. W. Andrews, Judge G. T. Afee and Ex-Gov. L. E. Parsons, of Talladega; Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.; and Gen. C. O. Christensen, Rev. C. R Palmer, Rev. G. D. Pike and Rev. Dr. Strieby, of New York and its vicinity. It is believed that the College has been put where it is needed; that it is not ephemeral in its existence or influence; that the importance of its work can not be overestimated and that it is under, at least, careful management.

Without State aid and resting entirely on the free-will offerings of the benevolent, Talladega College is confronted with many and sore needs. Boxes of clothing, material for the sewing room, S. S. papers, books for the College Library and such like things are always helpful. *Student aid is essential.* The majority of our pupils are poor and unable to pay their way. The Industrial Department with its farm, printing press, household and other work enable many to help themselves in part, but from some source money must be secured. Tuition is low. Board, fuel, lights and washing are only ten dollars a month. A gift of sixty dollars and often less will help some worthy student through a year. No permanent funds have been secured for the Library or apparatus. We have no endowment for the salary of teachers and nothing for scholarships, not even for the Theological students. BUT THE PRESSING AND EXIGENT WANT OF THIS YEAR IS MONEY FOR A NEW DORMITORY AND FOR REPAIRING THE BUILDINGS WE HAVE. The majority of our pupils are young men, and we have no decent or adequate provision for them. We need a spacious and substantial hall, containing some forty rooms, and without this it is impossible to do our proper work. To put this up and to repair present buildings not less than $25,000 are needed. Towards this sum $15,000 are pledged from one donor. For the remaining $10,000, gifts large or small are earnestly requested. It is a pressing case, appealing to patriot, philanthropist and Christian.

Respectfully,

HENRY S. DEFOREST, President.

Talladega, Alabama, July, 1880.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

Talladega

Talladega College,

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4006
FISK UNIV.

Talladega, Ala, Sep. 11th 1880.

Rev. M. E. Strieby D.D.,

Dear Bro.

I despair of being able to render any suitable response to your letter of July 30th & am really mortified to send the little trifle I do. There is really nothing fresh in my mind on the points referred to in your letter. The whole field of information has been so frequently & so thoroughly canvassed by you that I cannot bring myself to believe that anything I can say or any facts I may furnish will be of any appreciable service: Still I will send the following hum-drum notices, not doubting that you have them all & much more long ago at your disposal. I beg you to believe that I have not needlessly neglected your letter & that I remain very truly yours — G. W. Andrews.

Rev. G. W. Andrews,
Sept. 1880.

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Talladega College,

A. M. A. ARCHIVE
NO. 4007
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Talladega, Ala, ... 18

A few items bearing on your letter of July 31st.

Notice.

1st. What the State of Alabama is doing for the higher education of the blacks.

It supports two Normal schools, one at Marion at a cost of $4000 & one at Huntsville at a cost of $2000. There are about 100 Normal pupils in these two schools.

2nd. What Missionary societies are doing for the same object.

The Baptists of this State aided by contributions from friends at the North have a small Normal department in the school recently opened by them at Selma.

The Reformed Presbyterians have a school at Selma mainly to support & foster their church there — in which I think there may be

some normal instruction given.

To the above add the normal work of the A. M. A. at Talladega & Mobile & perhaps Montgomery, & you have all the normal advantages offered to the blacks in this state.

Talladega College has a College preparatory class & offers college preparatory advantages to all who desire them.

There are three theological classes in the state. (1) The Pres. at Tuscaloosa; this class is small & ignorant & has but little special attention. (2) The Baptists at Selma, connected with their school there. There are some 20 or more pupils, nearly all of the old type of pastors in the city & country about. (3) The Congl at Talladega.

Remark — There are no Collegiate advantages in Alabama offered to the Colored people, although Talladega College contemplates College work sometime

Query — Are these advantages for higher

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Talladega College,

~~Talladega, Ala.~~

education sufficient to meet the wants of the colored race? — ~~The~~ answer — the first answer that comes to my mind I will give though it may seem like a great exaggeration. These schools for higher education no more meet the wants in this state than would a handful of corn satisfy the 10,000 starving prisoners in Andersonville;

A. M. A. ARCHIVES NO. 4008 FISK UNIV.

Wrapped in Corn

As to the need of Talladega for "additional buildings, endowment, library, student aid &c &c," there can be no need that I say more than a word, & that as to "student aid" in my own department, Prof. Ellis has doubtless furnished you the exact figures. — Of the 15 graduates from the Theo. Dep. not one would or could have completed his studies without this aid: & with it there often is call for the closest economy. Many & many a time some of the worthiest pupils in this dep. have made their breakfast of a corn cake & a glass of water. There was nothing else in the house to eat, Sometimes there was not even this, &

Student Aid

then they would come to me for a little money to buy a peck of meal. Yet I have never heard a word of complaint from one of them. A wife once said to her husband when both were seated at the table to eat their corn cake & drink their glass of water "Isn't this hard?" The quick response was. "No" It is not hard for me. when I think of my purpose to become a Christian minister this is easy"

I assure you that the closest, the very closest economy must be practiced by nearly all of our Theo. pupils. They are almost as dependent for their daily bread as was Elijah down by the brook, I cannot bring myself to detail their particular costs but you can easily imagine it when you think of $10. a month feeding, warming, sheltering, clothing, schooling &c husband, wife, & one, two & even three children. — We have had several such cases. & some of them are now in the ministry doing excellent work —

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4009
FISK UNIV.

Talladega, Ala., July 14/82.

Dear Dr. Strieby:-

We send you this morning, by express, a few peaches.

Trusting they may reach you in fair condition, we ask you to accept them with compliments of

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. N. Ellis.

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. N. Ellis.
Talladega, Ala.
July 14, 1882.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4010
FISK UNIV.

Dear Miss E.

Pardon, if I seemed to speak lightly of our lady teachers. You know there is no difference between women's work & men's work, & I only thought that if men are good for Yale, Howard, Fisk & Atlanta, they would be good for Talladega. I am sure our need of something that has strength & power in it is greater than of any other point known to me — Any way to supply & teach. — Our pupils are an exceptional class: not city people but sturdy farmers & older than average in other schools. — It takes more of strength to lift them — A trace to everything that

will not bring success.

I hope you are able to derive some support from the words "Let it be your reward in heaven"

Mrs A. & I sincerely have a little experience of the usual amount of domestic perplexity — Yours — especially when you write to her Lordship's.

Ever affectionately,

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NOH010A
FISK UNIV.

We ought to have two (2) complete sets of wall maps, to accompany the series of Geographies. We have not now one (1) full set. Monteith's Geog's are those now in use here.

We are also out of ink and note paper & Envelopes.

The books &c should be sent as soon as possible - as they will be need of them -

Very Respy Yours &c -

A. H. Safford -

Specials for January,

Talladega

A. M. A. ARCHIVE
NO 4010 B
FISK UNIV.

Ag. Dept	Mrs. Jane E. Miller Oberlin Ohio for the farm -		10 00	✓	
	1st Congregational Church L.L.		50 00	✓	
Ag. Dept	Winstead Ct. for the farm				
	Little Miss Ada Hart of Hopping Ct.				
Ag Dept	for the farm -		10	✓	
	Miss Lizzie Kilby's Class in Perkins				
Ind Dept	Inst. for the blind -	End. Sch.	8 00	✓	38 10
Ag Dept	Mrs. Jane E. Miller Oberlin Ohio -	farm		✓	20 00
" "	Congregational Sabbath School Collinsville				
" "	Ct. By Rev. E. E. Lamb,	"		✓	46 00
	Everest fund by Charles Blair				
Student Aid	Collinsville Ct. Student Aid -			✓	200 00
	First Presbyterian Church Racine				
Ind. Dept	Wisconsin -	(End. Dept.)		✓	55 00
	Ladies of Winstead Ct. by Mrs. Deacon				
	Hinsdale. Barrel of clothing -			✓	
	Ladies Benevolent Society Plymouth				
	Church Worchester Mass. by Mrs.				
Ind. ~~Dept~~ Sch.	E. A. Lincoln	(End. Sch.)		✓	5 00
					364 10

C. E. Hulsart

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4011
FISK UNIV.

Montgomery Apr. 5th

Rev. M. C. Atwby.

Dear friend.

In this I will send you a letter from a young lady who lives in Lake Mich. that it may speak for itself. What I know of her is much to her credit. She is highly recommended by her Pastor. C. L. Stiles. of the First Baptist church in that place, and others. I think you would not be disappointed in her.

Very respectfully yours

C. E. Hulsart.

Rev. EDW. P. SMITH,
Gen'l Field Agent.

American Missionary Association,
No. 53 John Street.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4012
FISK UNIV.

New York, 1869.

Facts respecting
Mr. Kelsey —

Mr Kelsey was directly engaged to take charge of our educational and religious work in Mobile. The work was represented to him as being not at present interesting except for its great possibilities. He was told that the schools were not equal to those of other points of like importance; that our religious

work had not been properly provided for; in short that we had nothing there except the hope of developing a good work among the pupils that we had no Normal school, but wanted to organize one at the earliest opportunity; that he would be our representative man for all this work laid out for the future.

I said nothing about Mr. Kilsey's being a financial agent of our affairs, because I thought he would not care to be, and because I knew

that Mr Putnam had been, and would like to continue to be there in that capacity; but I did not expect him to have any control of the religious or educational work —

After Mr. K's arrival, as I understand from both Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Putnam, no such control was assumed by Mr. P.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO.
FISK UNIV.

On my arrival I found Mr Kelsey suffering from the thought that he had been unfairly dealt with, in being made subordinate to Mr. P.

Railway matters.

I assured him that he was not subordinate to Mr. P.; that he had and should have the entire management of his work; that Mr. P. would have nothing to do with our affairs there, but to attend to the labor and other financial accounts; and that this should be with the entire and cordial consent of Mr. P. In an interview with P. today he gave his consent and says he has always had that feeling and intention, and that he honestly desires that Mr. K. should assume the responsibility of the religious and educational work in Mobile —

L. | H. W. Carter
1-15-77 Selma,
1-16-77 Ala.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4013
FISK UNIV.

Dear Sir

No copies of the Missionary have been received for this month, although individuals in the City received their copies four days ago.

Should missionary items be sent to the N. Y. Office still?

I have not been able to send this months items sooner, and shall not be surprised if you find nothing of service in what I have finally written

Yours truly
H. W. Carter

Name, Valhermoso School

Location, Morgan county Alabama

Location Mr Gies Plantation and accomodations,† a cabin two small rooms

Teachers, Mrs M. C. Milligan

Board; how obtained Given by Mr Gies cost per week,

What aid from other sources, 0

Number of Scholars, Day, 35 Night, 0

Average Attendance, 29

General progress or improvement, Beginning to take an interest

Name (of School*)

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4014
FISK UNIV.

SUPERINTENDENTS' MONTHLY REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Name, Valhermoso school

Location, Valhermoso Springs Ala.

Location Giers' Plantation and accomodations,† cabin owned by Mr Giers

Teachers, Mrs M. C. Milligan

Board; how obtained Given by Mr G. cost per week,

What aid from other sources, 0

Number of Scholars, Day, 38 Night, 0

Average Attendance, 24

Name (of School*)

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4015
FISK UNIV.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4016
FISK UNIV.

American Missionary Association.

SCHOOLS FOR ~~FREEDMEN~~ Refugees.

TEACHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

We wish to gain such knowledge of the labors of our teachers and the condition of our schools as the following statistics, faithfully and *conscientiously* reported, will give. As such statistics are valuable only as they *are* faithfully and conscientiously given, we trust that our wishes will be implicitly regarded, and every blank correctly filled.* A faithful discharge of our responsibilities to our patrons demands that we obtain this information, and we trust that no teacher will regard our inquiries as either invidious or inquisitorial.

For Month of August

Name of Teacher, M. E. Milligan

Name of School Valhermoso School *Location* Giers' Plantation

No. of days the school was kept during the month, 23

No. of days you have been present, 23

If absent, the number of days 0 and the cause,

If you have been absent during the month, any of the school hours, state the number, 0

and the cause,

No. of different pupils, 38

Average daily attendance, 24

No. of tardinesses, † 8

No. neither absent nor tardy during the month, 10

Whole No. of Males, 18

Whole No. of Females, 20

No. over 16 years of age, 2 No. under 6. 0

No. of Pupils who read and spell, all

No. who study mental arithmetic, 13

No. who study written arithmetic, 3

No. who study geography, 3

No. who write, 14

Is singing taught in the school? it is

No. of Sessions you have attended Night Schools 0 Average attendance

" " " " " Sabbath Schools, 4 " "

No. of visits made in the families of colored people, 0

No. of Bibles distributed, 0 Of Testaments, 0

No. of Books, 0 Tracts or Papers, 0

Each teacher should, without fail, make out duplicate copies of the above Report and transmit one directly to us, and the other to the local Superintendent (if there be one)‡ on or before the 3d of the succeeding month.

In addition to the above statistics, we desire a written Report, giving general and particular facts concerning the general progress of the school, the *chief obstacles encountered, cases of subordination, the mode of administering discipline,* and any suggestions that indicate its prosperity.

* If *None* or 0 be the record let the blank be so filled.
† The roll should be called ten minutes after the opening of the School, or earlier (never later) if the teacher so elect. A School Register will be furnished to teachers.
‡ If there be no local Superintendent, a blank for a Superintendent's Report will be furnished, which the teacher will be expected to fill.
Note—Returns should be sent to these Rooms.
Each teacher must give a seperate Report.

GEO. WHIPPLE, } *Cor. Sec's.*
M. E. STRIEBY, }
SAMUEL HUNT, *Sup't of Education.*

Office County Superintendent of Education,

MOBILE COUNTY.

Mobile, 187

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4017
FISK UNIV.

G. L. Putnam

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to pay over to the American Missionary Association all monies which you may have drawn for my services as teacher, for which I authorized you to sign and receipt for me.

Very truly Yours

G. L. Putnam,

L.

Office County Superintendent of Education,

MOBILE COUNTY.

Mobile, 187

	2r Ending Mch 31	2r Ending June 30		Total		
W. S. Kelsey	600	600		1200		✓
E. J. Ethridge	270	270		540		
Susie A Cooley	270	112	50	382	50	
A. A. Rockfellow	270	270		540		
Ella Harris	270	270		540		
M. E. F. Smith	270	270		540		✓
Sarah Mahony	270	270		540		✓
Ruth A Allen	270	270		540		✓
(Nellie G Lincoln)	270	90		360		
L E Thayer	270	270		540		✓
Total.				5722	50	

A. & M. A. A. No. 4018 Risk Mgr.

This is what was drawn for the above named teachers. but I think if they will authorize me to pay over all to you that will cover the case.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4019
FISK UNIV.

TALLADEGA COLLEGE,

Talladega, Ala. 187

Good bye Mr Cravath
I am going out to teach &
I will endeavor to do all I
can to get pupils enough to
come back in school next
year. & I will just as you say
if I see a smart girl or boy
I will do all I can to get them
them here, Ellen Rice

K.

Ellen Rice
Nashville
Tenn.

Mr Cravath

Present –

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4020
AUB UNIV.

Statement -

Wadsworth & Hendrick (Acct)	$100.86
Thornton & Son	86.06
Jno Walker	30.00
Teamster (2 months)	20.00
Sexton labor "	20.00
Mr McCann (bricklayer)	54.00
Total	$310.92

We also owe Mr H. E. Brown for wood cut off his land to amt of $68. We owe Mr Headen for cutting & drawing wood $35 - Mr Headen wishes to pay Mr Brown $32 - Hence I desire that you send Mr Brown chk for $100 and chge to Talladega - and up on receipt of such chk being sent I will debit acct with $100 and credit with $68 paid Mr Brown & $32 paid Mr Headen - If this can be done it will be a great accommodation to Mr Headen

I find some accts I supposed Mr Storey had rcd money to pay, have not been paid - and I wish to have matters squared up - at once -

Please write me as desired and if possible send chk to Mr Brown -

Very Respy &c
A. T. Safford -

Mr Storey tells me she has $20 of the $250 you sent her husband, which she wishes to use in purchase of fruit - I have not his acct but I know the accts I have given you have not been paid yet -

A. T. S

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4021
FISK UNIV.

Rev G. D. Pike

Dear Friend

I hastily scratched down some thoughts last evening with a pencil. If they do not suit you better than they do me you will not print them. If you cannot read them, put in what ought to be said on the subject.

Rev Mr Breckinridge wishes to pay for 1000 copies (10 Dolls)

In haste

Yours, Truly

Geo. W. Shelton

Shelton

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Talladega Monday

Rev G D Pike

Dear Sir

I recd a letter from Bro Stickel this morning saying he will be here this evening He failed to get a through ticket OR he would have been here Sat. Mrs McLain starts Tuesday unless she backs out before that time

Very truly yours
J J Strong

Thong

United States Postal Card.

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To Rev M E Strieby
56 Reade St
N. Y. City.

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Rev M. E. Steedy

Dear Sir. Your letter of 13th inst saying that you will write me again in a few days led me to think I should hear from you on a question of next year's work before going N. I must go without knowing whether I am to return to Talladega next year or not. In case I should not return I am put to expense & inconvenience about the shipping & packing of furniture &c. I don't suppose however that there has been any neglect. It must be inadvertence & write. If you have not written write me at Oberlin O. Box 473. or if you are to be there we can talk it over. Yours truly

E. C. Stickel

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,
No. 56 Reade Street, New York.
Rev. M. E. STREIBY, Sect.

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Trinity School.

M. F. WELLS, PRINCIPAL.

Athens, Ala., 187

Prof. Chase is here, and I have urged his taking Athens sometime in his tour of visitation - He says he is subject to the powers that be (in A.B.) but had not before heard of any special need there.

The difficulty then, is we are so very very busy that we do not take time to plead our own cause - Our Home is in a dilapidated condition. I do not know whether it is worth, through repairs or not, but something should be done soon in the way of building anew or repairs - As Br Taylor

has so much more time for thought, than I. I have asked him to consider what need to be done and spread the matter before you. But when he had been there only a few weeks he was called home, where he has been for the last six weeks - He is here and will return with us to Athens but he does not seem vigorous for an active aggressive campaign

May God work through him and us for his own glory - 12 o'clock midnight and the wagons ready to take us to the train -

Hastily

Yours

W. D. Wells

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M. J. Nell

Trinity School Athens Ala. March

Rev M E Strieby
Dear Brother
The religious interest is unabated. There have been between thirty and forty conversions.
Many come nightly to the altar of prayer, and we pray earnestly that every heart may be brought in subjection to Christ. The assurance that you pray for us strengthens our faith.
Yours in Christ
M. J. Wells.

Check received. Cannot make exact estimate of Amt still needed, till meeting close.

A. M. A. ARCHIVE
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Talladega College.

The considerate attention of all who are interested in the education of colored youth, is invited to the following report:

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS OF TALLADEGA COLLEGE.

Having been appointed by the Central South Conference in October last, as one of the Committee of Visitors to examine into the condition of Talladega College, I seized upon the only opportunity which my own engagements would allow, and devoted the three entire days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 23, 24 and 25,) of the examinations, to attendance upon them.

Connected with a State Institution somewhat in rivalry with Talladega College, and having listened to statements derogatory to the methods and practices there pursued, I determined to fulfill my appointment with the most critical impartiality. I have done so without fear or favor; and now report unhesitatingly, that the College is under excellent management, the teachers are well qualified, the methods of instruction are advanced, and the progress of the pupils in their studies entirely satisfactory.

In regard to management, the decorum of the students, their quiet demeanor, their promptness of attendance upon the numerous exercises; and throughout all these, the indications that their yoke was easy, that they cheerfully complied with rules and regulations, in a word, the well ordered family spirit which prevailed,—all gave evidence that the affectionate regard of the pupils had been gained, and thus a hearty acquiescence in just requirements secured.

In the recitation rooms, the same gratifying relationship between teachers and pupils was observed; and the manly and womanly bearing of all, even the youngest pupils, was a marked evidence of the best possible discipline.

The self-possession of the pupils under the trying ordeal of Examination was beyond expectation; even their failures being met without fluttering or embarrassment but as things to be expected, when all parties are doing their best; and these occasional failures were to me among the best evidences of honest endeavor on the part of both teachers and pupils. Indeed, a more honest examination from beginning to end, I have never witnessed, nor can I, for it was perfectly so. * * * *

In Mathematical Studies, Arithmetic, Lower and Higher Algebra, as in some other branches, slips were distributed promiscuously to the pupils and answers were given to whatever fell to them. The black-board work was superior, and the explanations lucid. When other methods of solution than those first given were called for, they were given with great readiness; and it was a most noteworthy fact that while questions were asked by visitors, the Principal of the School asked more and harder, both in his own, and in the classes of other teachers, thus showing his determined purpose to secure thoroughness both of instruction and acquisition.

Time and space are wanting to enter into a full description of the Exercises in Language, Literature, and kindred branches. Two classes in Greek and three in Latin were examined, and their proficiency, according to the stage of advancement, was equal to any and superior to many in Northern Seminaries. The class in Cicero did splendidly. The examinations in United States History, Physical Geography, and English Composition were among the most interesting and elicited commendatory remarks from many visitors.

In the Theological Department, the Examination in Psychology was exceedingly gratifying. Without making use of the technical terms common in text-books upon the subject, the pupils had been trained to observe, to think, and to express their thoughts upon mental operations; and it was made clear that by such a course as had been pursued with them, any mature young men, though comparatively illiterate, may comprehend the leading facts in mental philosophy. In the Gospels and Gospel Harmony, the students also showed proficiency.

Although but partially through their course of instruction, these pupils are already in advance of the majority of colored preachers engaged in pastoral work throughout the State.

There was a good attendance of white and colored visitors throughout the exercises, and quite as many as could be accommodated on the closing day.

From this fact and the statements of the Principal, there is abundant evidence that the College is constantly growing in favor with all classes of citizens, and it certainly ought to do so, for every one who wishes well to his country can but rejoice that here is an Institution which is successfully elevating the youth of the colored race, and fitting them to be upright, useful, and intelligent men and women.

REV. N. E. WILLIS,
Marion, Ala.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

A Hearty Welcome for you

—AT THE—

Congregational Church,

Corner of Union and High Streets,

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound."

"They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance."

I. SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.

Sunday School at 9 o'clock.
Preaching Service at 11 o'clock.

II. SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES.

At 7 o'clock, (7:30 in Summer.)

Missionary Meeting, First Sunday night of the month.

Illustrated Bible Studies, Second Sunday night of the month.

Temperance Meeting, Third Sunday night of the month.

Young People's Service, Fourth Sunday night of the month.

III. WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

At 7:30 P. M., (8 P. M. in Summer.)

People's Meeting, Monday night.

Prayer Meeting of the Church, Wednesday night.

Normal Class, Thursday night.

Occasional Lectures on important subjects illustrated with the Sciopticon.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."

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Dilleston in the City of Mobile and State of Alabama
described as follows, The Eastern division of said
Orphans Sch Known as Stinney College and Sch,
The said Eastern division being first surveyed and
separated from the Western division by a fence
Edged fence running Nearly North and South:
Which said Eastern division is bounded and
described as follows, On the North by Government
Street. with a front thereon of One Hundred and
Eighty (280) feet More or less. On the East by a
ditch and the lands of the late Henry Goodthwaite;
On the South by a ditch, and the lands of
Anna S. Fry and Mrs W. Fry: with a
width of Two hundred and Sixty five (265) feet
More or less. On the West by the Same Western
Edged fence and lands of Kate S. Hitchcock
W. P. Gazzam, The Orphans Home and the Western
division of said Stinney College and Sch
being parts of the Original College Sch. Con-
veyed by Geo W Dunlelin and Sullivan
Lodgeman Jointly to Wm Mayson and
Chas W. Gazzam Severally by deed date
May 3. 1862 and recorded in the office of
Judge of Mobile County in Book No 19 Mis
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Description of School Property Mobile, Ala

Emmerson Institute

Description of property on which Emmerson Institute, Mobile, Ala is situated.

Mobile property

The Emerson Institute is a Brick building, stuccoed. ~~Length~~ 90 X 50 with Portico 50 X 12 formed by pediment supported by 8 Doric Columns 5 ft base. Walls front & rear 50 X 20 ft in remaining walls 16 in. Four Stories high = 65 ft to ridge. Slate roof. No basement.

1st floor.	School Room	48 X 40
	Do Do	18 X 48
	Dining Do	18 X 20
	Recitation Do	18 X 20
	Hall	12 X 48
	Do	8 X 18
2nd floor		
	2 School room	18 X 48
	Hall	8 X 48
	Do & Stairway	12 X 20
	4 Rooms	18 X 20
	1 Do	12 X 20
3rd floor		
	2 School Room	18 X 48
	Hall	8 X 48
	Do & Stairway	12 X 20
	4 Rooms	18 X 20
	1 Do	12 X 20
4th floor	2 Rooms finished	48 X 18
	1 Do unfinished	50 X 48

A wing projects to the rear 60 X 25 2 stories high cont'g. 1st floor. Pantry Cistern Room, Kitchen 20 X 22. Laundry,

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Coal & Wood house, and lumber room — 2nd floor School room 20 X 30. Closets, and 2 rooms used by servants. Further to the rear is a barn 20 X 30.

Cahaba Coal Company.

Office at Selma, Ala. Coal Mines at Helena, Ala.

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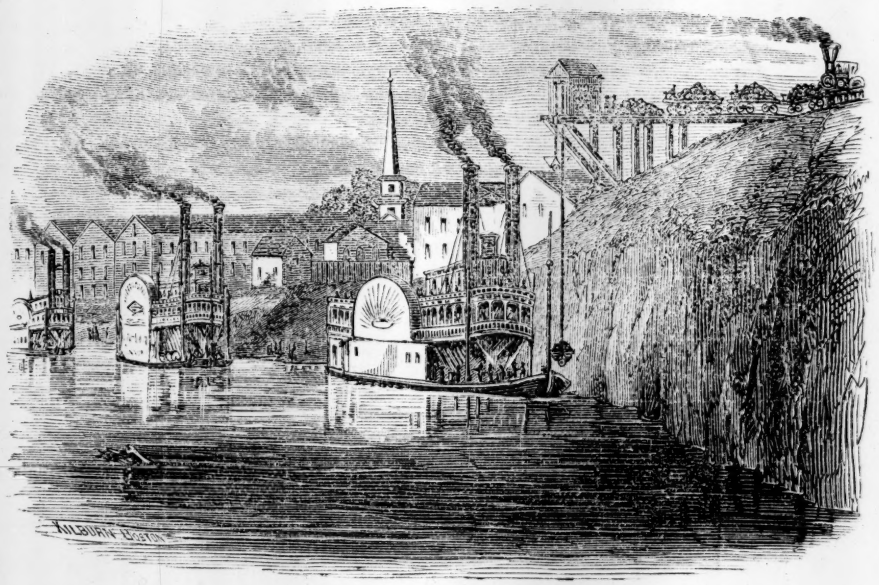

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DEAR SIR:—

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For FAMILY and GRATE use the "Lump Coal" cannot be excelled, and is more economical than any other fuel, besides it burns freely, and gives a brilliant light in the grate, and it can also be used n Coal Cooking Stoves, at a great advantage.

For the use of Steamboats, Steam Mills &c., it has already been decided to be a better article for its Steam generating properties than any Northern Coal.

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(Signed.)

GEORGE PEACOCK,
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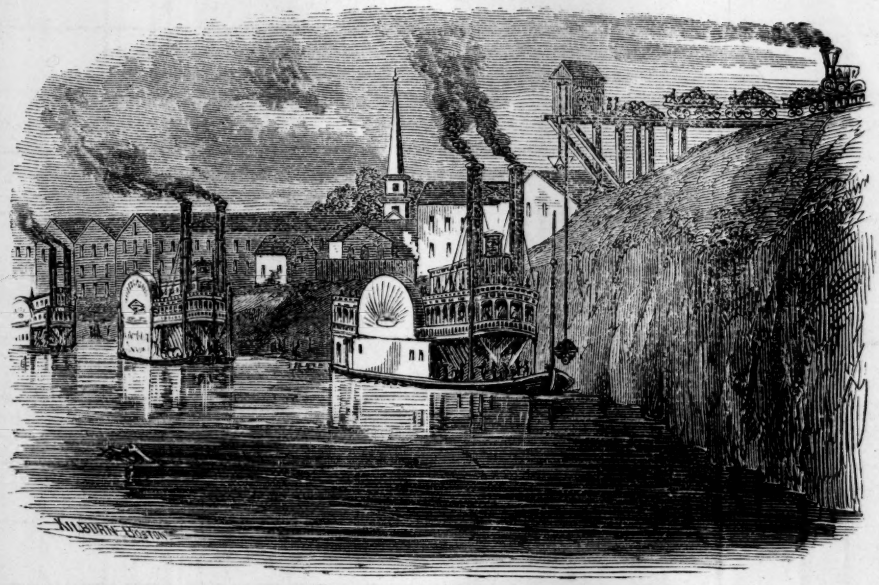

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Report King's Chapel School
Kingston Talladega Co. Ala.
for the month of July.

No. of days taught	20
No. of male scholars enrolled,	44
" " female " enrolled,	50
Total enrollment,	94.
Attendance male scholars,	525
Attendance - female scholars,	532
Total,	1057
Average attendance - males,	26.6
Average attendance - females,	26.25
Total average	52.85
Writing	24
Reading	54
Arithmetic	28
Geography	4
Spelling	87
Alphabet	7
Grammar	2

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Rate per day, $1.50
Amount due $30.00

Samuel White
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Ala.

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E. PAYSON LORD,
Principal.

Miss NETTIE HOSTLER,
Matron.

Emerson Institute,

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churches here and stron
ones if the right course
is taken now. If you
decide to send them
please write from N. Y.
to them and let me
know also
The time for them to come
will be April 7-10
It seems as if this re-
vival had drawn the
whole colored population
to us. We never had so
much influence before.
Dr. Burgett told Maj.
Whittle that the Cold

at once. Yours E. P. Lord.

never had so much confidence in any man since the war as in Mr. Lord.

Miss Stevenson is willing to come here now and work as missionary through the summer. We must keep some one here through the summer if these young converts are kept and the work here kept up next year. Miss S. is just the one, and it seems to me of vital importance that she be sent here for the summer. If you can send her with her wages to begin when school closes please write to Miss S. J. Stevenson Bellefontaine Ohio that she may come

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ASK UNIV.

Trustees met to let me know yesterday as to the public school - They did not send me any word. I saw one today & he said nothing. Mr Joiner told Bro Stump on Monday that he was mistaken as to the funds on hand - that there were none, and that probably there would be no public school this fall. There were $300 in the treasury last spring. There has been no school since. Gone - where to, it gone?

I gave Trustees until yesterday to decide - telling them I could not furnish teacher after that date - hence I consider the matter settled as far as we are concerned, and am glad of it -

The failure of public school, will, without a doubt,

make A.M.A. School much larger, and so far will be of benefit to same.

Have you such knowledge of the teachers, coming, as to advise me as to what department to assign each? If you have I wish you would help me in this matter, as they are utter strangers to me and I may not put them in their proper places.

Please instruct me in this matter and much oblige me.

We have been expecting Miss Pierce for day or two, but she has not come.

Matter on this page is of importance. Hence please advise

A. A. S.

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to enter their classes. I discovered today upon a more careful survey of Invoice that you had shipped no Algebras. I presume this an oversight as I am confident I ordered them.

I find there is to be quite a want of the books used in our school, and am convinced I have not ordered sufficient quantity. A good supply of the text books used should be on hand constantly. I shall be short, even when last order is received. Hence I wish when you send Algebras you would also send good supply of arithmetics, Geographies, Readers and Spellers. (Elementary & Pronouncing) as we shall certainly need them.

I wish, too, we had some good Series of Grammars. We have hitherto used those sent here for Normal (State) School. & the supply is limited. The Series on hand is Bullions. I do not like his primary Grammar, as it is too difficult for beginners. What Series is used in other A.M.A. Schools?

I have nothing decisive from Bro Jewell as to his laboring with us. hope to know this week.

Shall we take any pupils who cannot pay their board? This is a question needing decision. Please instruct me.

Rooms in Swayne Hall are completed & are well liked by students.

Very Respy Yours &c
A. A. Safford.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4035
FISK UNIV.

I send this, hoping that you have not yet shipped the last order and that articles mentioned herein may be sent with last order -

I also need some large sized paper for making out my "Balance Sheet" and large sized envelopes to suit same - Some stamped envelopes common size, would be acceptable -

Garden is coming on finely - We need rain however -

Mr Peebles is doing next to nothing as yet - Hope he may get to work soon -

Please send what is needed as herein indicated, and very much oblige

Yours very Respy &c
A. S. Safford

Colored Monograms or Scripture texts

Some of the same - Some "Silent Comforters" - "Texts for Sunday Schools"

I wish also to get a work entitled the "Sunday School Blackboard" It is now made to correspond with the "S S Lesson Paper" and gives illustration of the lesson - As we use the "S S Lesson Paper" in our school, I desire to secure the "Blackboard" also - It is published by A. O. Van Lennep, at No 76 East Ninth St, New York - Subscription price is $1.00 per year -

I would enclose the subscription but I positively have not a single cent.

Perhaps the publisher would send us one for the work here, as a gift - Will you be kind enough to secure same for us?

An interest is now manifested in S S School, that I very greatly desire to see sustained -

Missionary Maps.

L.) A. A. Safford
9-10-74 Talladega Ala.

This handed me by Miss Pierce to be reported in Missionary.

Am not certain you will think best to do so. As most items are mere photos to be placed in rooms furnished by the parties.

A. A. Safford

Miss Pierce also reports the following—

Christian Union & Theo. dept Talladega College for one year value $300, by J. B. Ford & Friend of New York.

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Talladega, Ala. 187

For Rooms, at Talladega C.

1 Framed Photo., from
Rev. Lucien Farnham,
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TALLADEGA COLLEGE

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Bro. Marts will prepare a statement relative to the examinations and other exercises.

I delayed the printing of programmes to latest possible moment, that I might get word from you as to Mr. Lord's coming. Nothering from you, I was compelled to make out the same without reference to his coming. We substituted a Concert in place of the address.

After Bro. L's arrival, that he might not be disappointed and to show our respect, I shortened the time for examination of my class in Moral philosophy, and secured an hour for him at close of examinations on Thursday.

I am glad I did so, as he gave us a very acceptable and profitable address. His Subject – Wanted, A Man. He was followed by Ex. Gov. L. E. Parsons, whose remarks were very acceptable and encouraging.

The graduating class acquitted themselves well in examinations and Literary Exercises. Bro. Ford said that he could give them no higher praise than to say that he thought they did as well as his own class. We are glad to be placed side by side with Emerson Institute.

But I did not commence this letter for the purpose of entering upon an account of our closing exercises, and will stop all comment in that direction.

May God bless & keep my class!

TALLADEGA COLLEGE,

A. M. E. A. ARCHIVES
NO. 4038
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Talladega, Ala. 1887

You wished me to give you some idea of the amt needed to settle outstanding a/cs at the end of the Session - I cannot give an accurate statement, but give you some of the claims that shld be met.

1st. There will be due at the end of the present month wages for 9 months of the Cook at $15. per month. amtg the sum of $135.

2d. Wages of our Teamster for part of the past three years which will amount to the sum of $190

3rd. For wood furnished during the past year due & unpaid about $50.

4th. In addition to the above the amts due merchants for the month of June not less than $200.

soon as possible -

The whole amounting to $575 -
I have on hand about $100 -
This will leave indebtedness
to the amount of about $500.

I expect you will be surprised at amount of indebtedness - I wish I could say it would be less - but, if I state the real condition of financial affairs, I cannot present a different report -

How much I wish I could present a different statement! but I cannot do so, and be true to our necessities - The only question is, can these liabilities, these debts, be met? I cannot tell you how much I wish these debts to be paid before I leave -

I shall await your reply with no little anxiety -

Very respectfully &c,
A. A. Safford -

As I wish to leave on or about the 1st or 4th of July, please send check as

A. M. A. ARC. FISK U. NO. 4039

(Copy) Mobile, Alabama Dec. 10. 1866.

We have studied the most rigid economy; everything we have, is actually necessary, and of the cheapest kind possibly found. (Our schools are not remunerative for the want of proper room. We have had no fire in either schoolroom yet. One of our buildings has neither doors, nor windows. They are to be supplied this week. The other building, Miss Corley's seminary is not plastered, and no stove in that until today. Maj Tracy Supt. of Freedmen is now in Montgomery; on his return, we hope to be provided for. The schools have been continued regularly until today, we find the weather too cold and have dismissed until we can be better provided for. The teachers are thoroughly in earnest and deeply interested in their work.

They teach not less than seven hours daily, then visit the needy at night. Seven days in the week they work in the day Sabbath Schools. and not with eye service, but heartily, cheerfully,

as "unto the Lord. You have filled my wants and expectations in your choice of teachers and matron ~~this time~~. ~~Each~~ All are admirably adapted to their places ~~and seem to be pleased.~~ Our house is a house of happy work and prayer, ~~and all appear happy and cheerful.~~ For myself I can truly say while I have been perfectly satisfied with my assist-=ants and everything about our home, yet the general prostration of all our interests has tended in no small degree to dishearten and enervate my energies. I have not yet learned to bear disappointments with christian fortitude; and being of a nervous temperament, disappointments are met with an ill grace. The loss of the hospital was the death of our asylum and school. The Nationalist was rapidly sinking and the Bank barely hold-=ing its own. To throw myself in the breach and think of raising all our sinking interests could not without more grace than I then had be thought of for a moment. Regarding the

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promise as yet good — "My grace shall be sufficient for thee" — I claimed it and went forward. "Tokens for good" are already seen. The people are now rallying to the Schools. Great anxiety is manifested; they think they cant vote unless they can read and write and each man woman and child will soon become voters, if that alone is all required of them. Not less than 4000 children ought to be in school in this city; and hundreds and probably thousands would be if we had the room. No better investment, for the Government, the people, and the church can possibly be made than by putting up wood schoolhouses with a central high school upon the plan of the graded union Schools of the North. Educate the people of the South and you reconstruct this shattered Country. A Free People must have Free Schools. The colored people

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will contribute liberally for building Schoolhouses, have urged me repeatedly, and pledged me a hearty support. Seventeen men are now ready to each give me $100. for this purpose. Hundreds have pur-chased themselves comfortable homes and now they are anxious to provide for schools. Prospects are brightening. We have raised over $1000. for the news-paper during the past month; our bank has now on deposit upwards of $45000. and we have nearly $1000. in the Treasury for Orphan Asylum.

These interests were born and raised together, and neither can suffer without loss to the other. Each are a great weight upon me, and as I am sire of them all I cannot bear to let them drop.

If you can furnish a good matron and teacher for the asylum, I think we can support them, and the Bureau will furnish quarters at Dogwood

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Not a very classic name for an asylum but yet, rather a pleasant place. Dr. Gray the officer in charge is a very nice and genteel married man and his wife is with him. He is a good worker and willing to do. There is a great deal of want and wretchedness in this City, and the suffering will be great. Clothing for women and children is greatly needed, not so much ~~from~~ for men, but boys from 15 yrs. down to birth. Girls of same age clothing needed. "Now"! As I have been so long in the field, heard so many tales of wrong and cruelty, seen so much suffering; that I am becoming somewhat insensible and indifferent, so I am not particular to collect incidents for publication. Your lady teachers will fill that bill.

A. M. A. ARCHIVES
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Another victory is ~~our~~ won. The hospital is ours. General Swayne orders it to be vacated by the 25th inst. We present to you the premises as a New Years Gift. We have at times been cast down, and had well nigh given up to despair, as we looked over this rich and important field seeing the thousands of children and hundreds of men and women thirsting for knowledge, willing to pay any price if we would open a school. We labored and prayed earnestly that some door might be opened, and at the last, nearly the last days of the year we are permitted to hope, yea, our hopes are realized and effectual opening has now been given to us. Miss Etheridge (that noble woman) went to her school this morning with a heavy heart. She has been compelled to dismiss her school for three days on account of having no windows nor doors in her ~~schoolroom~~ and the "sunny

days of the South" seemed to have made an exchange for the cold frosty days of Yankeedom. On the strength of good promises we have waited for the cash, but yesterday was told that they were down in the vessel in Mobile bay, the vessel not being able to cross the bar. So today the weather being a little softened she resumed her school. When we take possession of the hospital, we shall look for no such drawbacks, and we can make our plans with the idea of permanency. Quite an expense will need incurred at the outset. We need to have seats for at least 600 pupils to begin with — nothing less; and must provide calculate for 1000 or 1500 before the close of the incoming year.

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Please find prices soon, and report to
C.M.C.

Wanted at Talladega Ala
The prices of

Iron Columns 12 ft long 7" in diameter
turned at ends to fit bearing plates

C.M.C.

American Window glass per box of 50 ft
Size
12 X 22

12 X 20

12 X 18

D. L. Lehanke Pons
27 Chambers

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1 3/4 Sash for 12 light
windows upper sash
to be curved with
3' 9" radius; one third
of the windows for each
of the above sizes of
glass.

Crosby Newcar
44 Pary

Doors of best seasoned pine

3' X 8' X 2" four panelled raised & beaded

3' X 7' 6" X 1 3/4" " " "

2' 10" X 7' X 1 3/8" " flat "

Nails
4 's
6 's
8 's.

Names accepted for Rooms at
Talladega College.

1. O. L. Adams,
Milton.
Ct.

2. Cong. Ch.,
Aurora,
Ohio.

3. Cong. Ch.,
Goffstown,
N. H.

4. Cong. Ch.,
Peru,
Mass.

5. Rev. Henry Clark,
Avon,
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6. Miss Lydia J. Clark,
Amherst,
N. H.

7. Samuel M. Combs,
Tallmadge,
Ohio.

8. A Friend,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

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Cleveland,
Ohio.

10. A Friend,
Suffield,
Ct.

11. Mary Walker Fenner,
Harlem,
N. Y.

12. Miss Josephine Pierce,
Tallmadge,
Ohio.

13. Sadie Coon,
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Mich.

14. Fairport,
N. Y.
Young Peoples Miss. Soc. No. 2

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Tallmadge,
Ohio.

16. Ursula
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